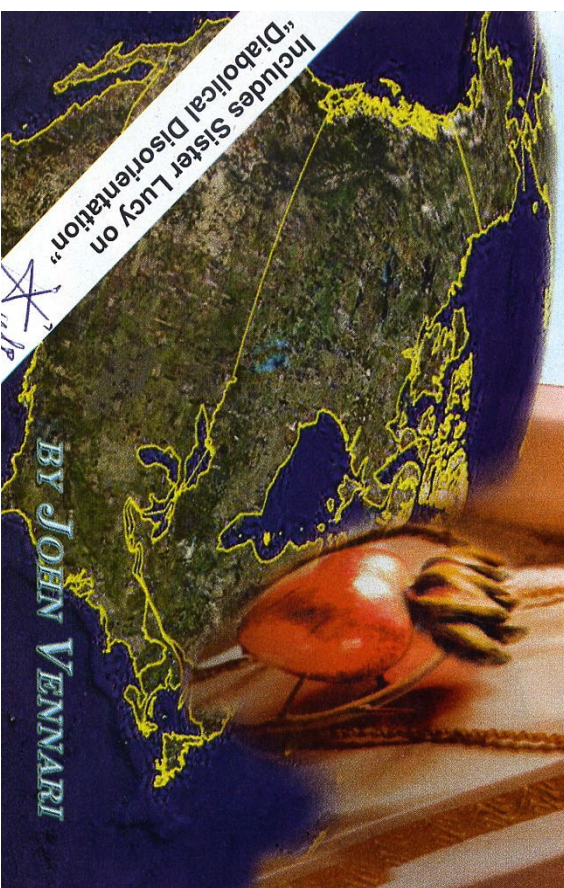


# A WORLD VIEW BASED ON FATIMA



Includes Sister Lucy on  
"Diabolical Disorientation"

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This edited transcript of a speech given at the Fatima: World Peace 2000 conference, October 1999 helps us better understand the real background to the full Fatima Secret.

Today is October 13, 1999, the 82nd anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima on October 13, 1917. This miracle had been predicted three months earlier, on July 13, 1917. At that time, Lucy of Fatima appealed to Our Lady:

“I should like to ask You to tell us who You are, and to work a miracle so that everyone will believe that Your Grace has appeared to us.”

Our Lady answered,

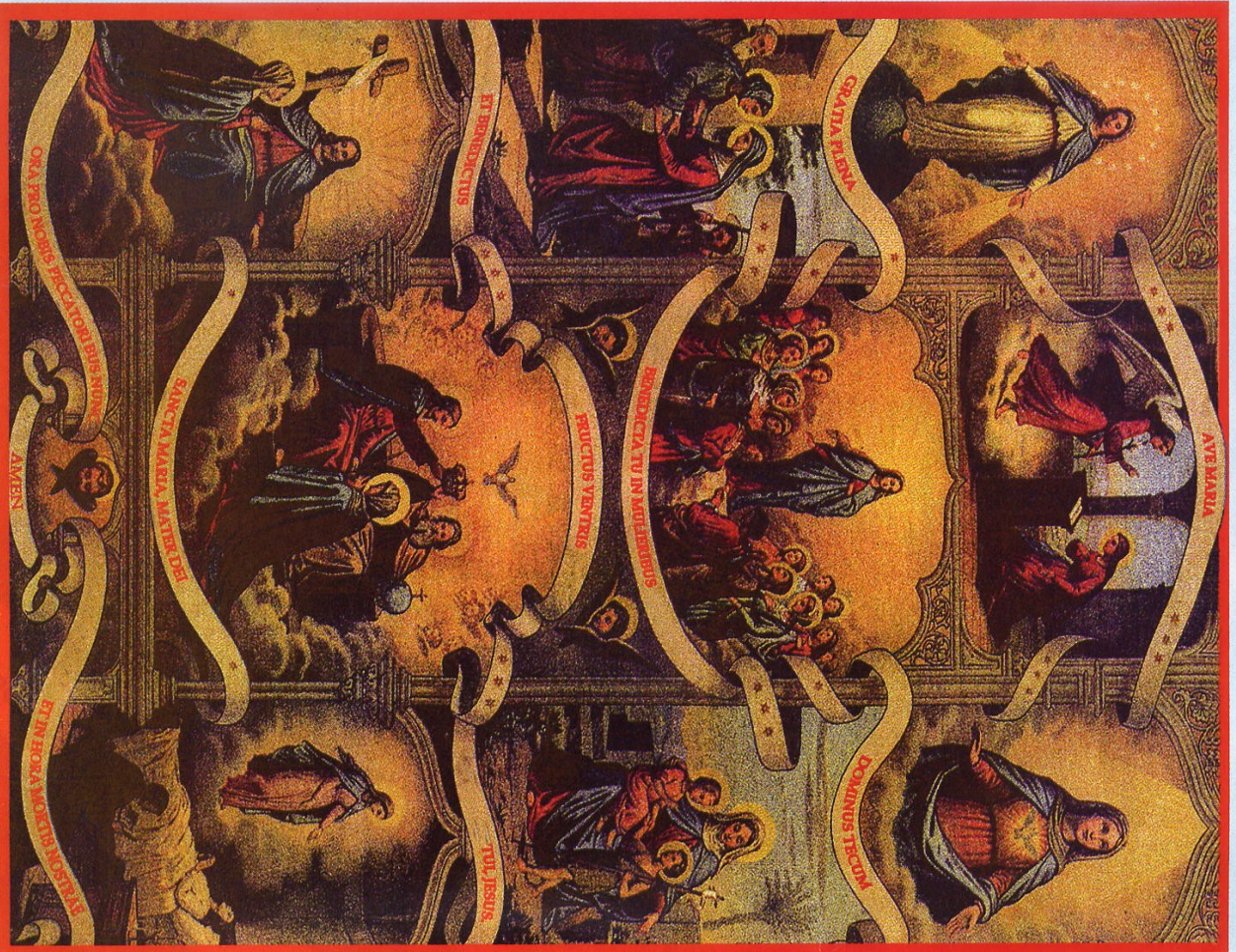
“Continue to come here every month. In October, I will say who I am and what I want, and I will perform a miracle so that all might see in order to believe.”

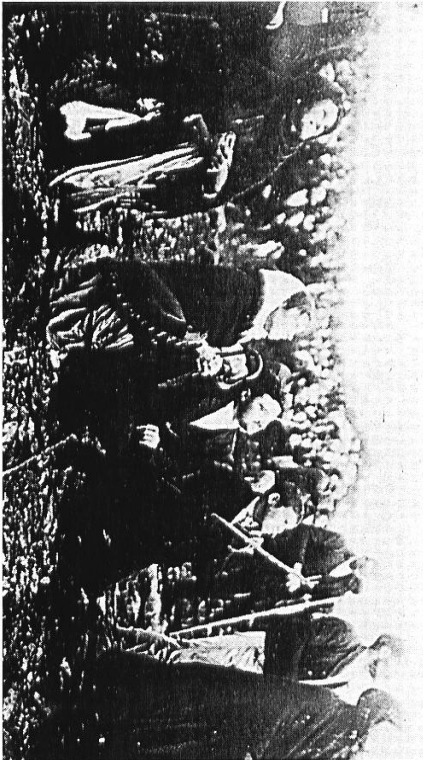
And on October 13, 1917, 82 years ago today, 70,000 people witnessed the great Miracle of the Sun. 70,000 people saw the sun dance in the sky, and then plummet toward the earth. These witnesses, including Jacinta’s father, Ti Marto, tell us they were terrified. He said “The sun ... began to move and dance until it seemed that it was being detached from the sky and was falling on us. It was a terrible moment.”

According to the witnesses, the miracle lasted about 8 minutes. And after the sun “returned to its place in the sky”, the ground, which before the miracle had been saturated due to an all-night driving rain, was dry. Likewise, the clothes of those who had been standing all day in the rain before the miracle, were completely dry.

During the great Miracle of the Sun, witnesses say that they could look directly at the sun without it blinding them or hurting their eyes in any way.

In this century, Our Lady worked for us one of the most astonishing miracles of all time — a public miracle predicted three months in advance, and witnessed by 70,000 people. This miracle was even reported in the liberal, anti-clerical, Masonic newspaper, *O Seculo*.





Part of the 70,000 witnesses of the October 13, 1917 Miracle of the Sun

The newspaper report from October 15, 1917, said:

“We saw the huge crowd turn toward the sun which appeared at its zenith, clear of the clouds. It resembled a flat plate of silver, and it was possible to stare at it without the least discomfort. It did not burn the eyes. It did not blind. We would say that it produced an eclipse. Then a tremendous cry rang out and the crowd nearest us were heard to shout: ‘Miracle!... Miracle!... Marvel!... Marvel!...’ Before the dazed eyes of the people, whose attitude transported us to biblical times, and who, dumbfounded, heads uncovered, contemplated the blue of the sky, the sun trembled, it made strange and abrupt movements, outside of all cosmic laws, ‘the sun danced’, according to the typical expression of the peasants.”

This by far has been the greatest public miracle that has been worked by Heaven since Our Lord founded His one true Catholic Church.

Hence, I think we can say that the magnitude of this miracle corresponds to the magnitude and to the importance of the Message that Our Lady gave at Fatima. And just the way that this miracle, especially with the sun dancing in the sky and then plummeting toward the earth, was so spectacular that it was impossible to take your eyes off of it; likewise, the Fatima Message itself is of such magnitude, such importance, such centrality, that I believe **Our Lady was telling us**

**through this miracle, that we must never, ever, take our eyes off of Fatima, never take our eyes off of Her Message, never allow ourselves to be distracted from Her Message in any way whatsoever.**

That is why this presentation is titled “A World View Based on Fatima.” Our Lady came to Fatima at the beginning of this century, one of the most godless of all centuries. The world is now steeped, not just in paganism, but in a post-Christian paganism, which is far worse than the pre-Christian paganism. Pre-Christian paganism had not heard of Christ. But post-Christian paganism has heard the message of Christ and has rejected Him and His one true Church. Thus, it is in a state far worse than the ancient paganism that was ignorant of Christ.

The Message of Fatima has to be central to our Catholic life, central to our world view. I believe that everything that Our Lady did at Fatima shows us that we must base our entire world view on the Message of Fatima and on nothing else that would conflict with it in any way.

I stress this because for many, devotion to Our Lady of Fatima is not central. It is often off to the side, on the periphery. It’s kind of like devotion to St. Rita, or devotion to Saint Jude, or devotion to Saint Anthony. It’s considered a very good and helpful *extra* to our spiritual life, but it’s only a side-devotion, only of secondary importance that we don’t take seriously enough.

Our Lady’s visitations at Fatima have given us the basis for an entire world view — a world view that is not outmoded, not outdated. And this world view based on the Fatima Message can never be “updated” to mean something other than what it originally meant; nor can it be downplayed or changed or eclipsed by the superstition of *aggiornamento*. Nothing that happened in this century can ever outshine in importance the Message that Our Lady gave at Fatima.

And the Fatima Message is nothing more than an urgent restatement of the traditional teaching of the Church, and a restatement of the urgent need for reparation, with special implications to our times.

### **Liberates us from Pop-slogans**

The truth has a liberating quality. Our Lord said “the truth shall make you free”. And the Fatima Message liberates us from falling for the many empty slogans so popular today. It keeps us from falling for the slogan that the godless United Nations is “the last great hope of

peace for mankind." It keeps us from falling for the slogan that we are now entering a "new springtime" with the advent of the new millennium. It keeps us from falling for the slogan that we are now on the threshold of some new "civilization of love" where Catholics and members of false religions can play down their differences to work together in order to make the world a better place. (Interestingly, the notion that Catholics and non-Catholics can work together to build some sort of new "civilization of love" was actually condemned by Pope St. Pius X when he condemned the *Sillon* movement in France in 1910.)

We must notice that those two terms so popular right now "A New Springtime" and "A Civilization of Love" — neither one of those two terms contain *any mention* of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. Yet Our Lady at Fatima did indeed promise a great victory. But She did not call it a "new springtime", nor did She call it a "civilization of love". It was called "The Triumph of My Immaculate Heart."

Our Lady came to Fatima with the Message that "God wants to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart." There will be no victory, there will be no "new springtime" without a sufficient number of Catholics fulfilling faithfully the requests of Our Lady of Fatima. This has to be our center of gravity.

Now, let's take a quick review of Her requests.

At Fatima, Our Lady asked us to:

- recite at least Five Decades of the Rosary every day,
- wear the Brown Scapular,
- offer our Daily Duty to God as an act of sacrifice,
- make Five First Saturdays of Reparation to Her Immaculate Heart,
- Our Lady also requested that the Pope, in union with all the bishops of the world, consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, promising Russia's conversion through this means, and a period of peace to be given to the world.

This consecration has yet to be accomplished.

My little contribution to the demonstration that Russia has not been consecrated, and has not converted, comes from a short article in the

August 9, 1999, *Toronto Sun*; which reported that Larry Flynt, the so-called "King of Pornography," has just launched in Moscow a Russian version of *Hustler* magazine.

Now, for any of you who don't know what this is, *Hustler* magazine is one of the most graphic, pornographic magazines in the United States. It is a multi-million dollar industry with a huge circulation. Larry Flynt boasted that he has sent free subscriptions of this magazine to every member of the Russian parliament. This is 15 years after the 1984 consecration; a consecration which *did not mention Russia by name*, as Our Lady had requested.

In the Triumph of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart, Larry Flynt will not be able to get away with that!

### Reverence for Tradition

So, I want to explain why the Message of Our Lady of Fatima has to be central to our world view.

First of all, what makes the Fatima Message eminently trustworthy is that Our Lady at Fatima displayed a profound reverence for the consistent, unchanging teaching of the Church throughout the centuries. When Our Lady came to Fatima, She did not give us any new doctrine, nor did She give us a new understanding of Catholic teaching that would differ from the consistent teaching of the centuries. St. Paul said "But though we, or an angel from Heaven, preach a gospel to you besides that which we have preached to you, let him be anathema." (*Gal. 1:8*)

And Our Lady followed these sacred guidelines. Not only did She have profound reverence for what the Church always taught, **with the same meaning and in the same sense**, (*eadem sententia eodem sensu*) but She reinforced key doctrines and orientations.

And the doctrines and orientations that She reinforced can give us a clue to those doctrines that would come under the greatest attack in our century.

### Our Lady in the Plan of Salvation

First of all, Our Lady's Message of Fatima reinforces the profound importance of Our Lady in the plan of salvation.

We know from the Message that the salvation of the world, the conversion of Russia, world peace, depends ultimately on mankind fulfilling God's desire of establishing in the world devotion to Her



**Blessed Abbot Marmion (1858-1923)**

Immaculate Heart. Our Lady's centrality and importance is re-emphasized at Fatima.

Now, a good Mariologist could talk all day about how Our Lady is central in the plan of salvation. But I want to focus on one aspect of this truth. That is, Our Lady was absolutely necessary for Christ to become man — or perhaps I should say, Son of Man.

God, who is Almighty, could not have become a member of the human race without Mary, could not have become "Son of Man" without Our Lady.

This is not my own teaching, but it is that of the great Benedictine Abbot Marmion (1858-1923). He was probably the greatest spiritual writer of the 20th Century. Regarding Abbot Marmion's work, Pope Benedict XV said "*read it, it is the pure doctrine of the Church.*"

Abbot Marmion, in his books, points out that for Our Lord to become truly a member of our human race, a Son of Adam, a "Son of Man", He was *absolutely dependent* on Our Blessed Mother saying "yes" to the angel who asked Her if She would consent to be the Mother of the God-Man, Jesus Christ.

Of course, Our Lord could have become man on His own without the intervention of Our Lady. He could have just assumed a human nature from matter that He created out of nothing then-and-there on the spot, and appeared before us as man.

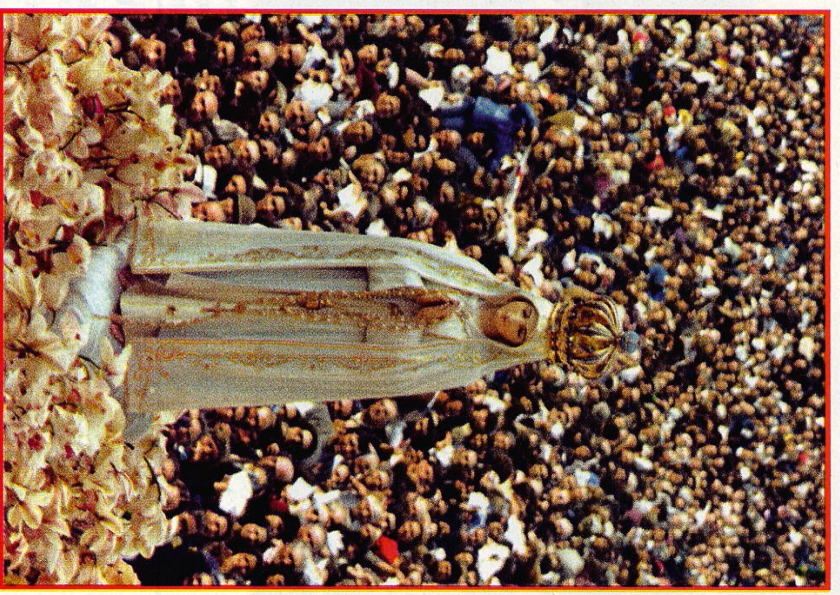
But had He done that, He would have been, so to speak, like an alien from another planet beaming down onto earth. There is no way we could have looked upon Him as *part* of our human race. He would have looked like a man, walked like a man, talked like a man. But we could have never regarded Him as being truly part of our human family, part of our bloodline, part of our human race. We could never have regarded Him as an actual, physical descendent of our first parents, Adam and Eve. We

would have had no sense of *kinship* with His humanity.

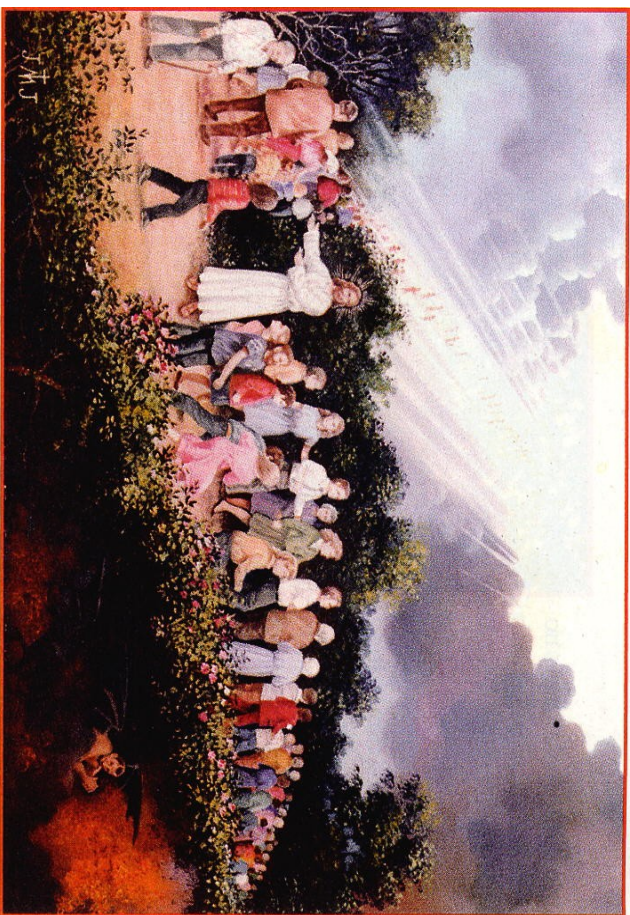
In order for Our Lord to come to be truly kin with us, truly part of our human family that was in need of redemption, it was absolutely necessary that He be born of a daughter of Adam and Eve, and this "daughter" was the spotless and immaculate ever-virgin Mary. She was absolutely essential.

God was dependent on Our Lady so that Our Lord Jesus Christ could truly call Himself the "Son of Man". And as Abbot Marmion points out, it seems that the title "Son of Man" is the description of Himself that Our Lord held dearest to His Heart when He was on earth. Abbot Marmion explains that Our Lord used the term "Son of Man" in reference to Himself more than any other title.

And likewise, the Message of Fatima helps us to remember our dependence on Our Lady. It reminds us that devotion to Our Lady, and particularly to Her Immaculate Heart, is not something on the periphery, not some pretty optional extra. No! Our Lord made devotion to Her Immaculate Heart an *inescapable condition* for the conversion of Russia, for a period of peace being granted to the world.



**"In Portugal, the Dogma of the Faith will always be preserved." We see here proof of the light of their faith and loyalty to Our Lady of Fatima.**



“Many souls go to Hell because they have no one to pray for them and make sacrifices for them” ...Our Lady of Fatima

### Key Doctrines Reinforced

Also, in the Message of Fatima, we see the key dogmas of our Faith reinforced.

When Our Lady came to Fatima:

- She spoke of the doctrine of Heaven,
- She spoke of the doctrine of Hell,
- She spoke of the doctrine of Purgatory,
- She spoke of the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist,
- She spoke of the doctrine of the Sacrament of Penance.

And, indirectly, She spoke of the doctrine of the Social Kingship of Jesus Christ — and reinforced the traditional papal teaching that there is only one true Church, outside of which there is no salvation, and that States and governments must recognize this Church as such, and must recognize the indirect power of the Church over the State and civil society. This is all *implicit* in Our Lady’s request that the Pope consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart.

### First, Heaven.

On May 13, 1917, when Lucy asked Our Lady “*Where is Your Grace from?*” She answered “**I am of Heaven.**”

Our Lady is in Heaven, body and soul. Heaven is a place, a real place, not just a state of mind. And according to the Message, it is a place that we will only attain if we live the sacramental life of sanctifying grace through membership in the Mystical Body of Christ, the Catholic Church.

Our Lady also reminded us of the doctrine of Hell. That Hell exists. That it is a place; and that human souls go there, have gone there, and are there now. Our Lady was certainly not a follower of the progressive theologian, Hans Urs von Balthasar, who speculated that “Hell exists, but it is empty.”

No. Our Lord said, “the truth shall set you free”. And Our Lady’s reinforcement of the doctrine of Hell frees us from all the errors of von Balthasar and his followers, no matter who they may be.

Even more dramatic, Our Lady did not just *tell* these small children about the reality of Hell. On July 13, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima gave the three children a terrifying *vision* of Hell.

This is an account from Sister Lucy’s own memoirs:

“...Our Lady opened Her hands once more as She had done the two previous months, the rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth. And we saw as it were a sea of fire; plunged in this fire we saw the demons and the souls of the damned. The latter were like transparent burning embers, all blackened, burnished, bronzed, having human forms. They were floating about in that conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now they fell back on every side like sparks in huge fires without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair which horrified us and made us tremble with fright. (It must have been this sight which caused me to cry out as people say they heard me.) The demons were distinguished from the souls of the damned by their terrifying and repellent likeness to unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals. The vision only lasted for a moment, thanks to Our good heavenly Mother who, at the first apparition had promised to take us to Heaven. Without that, I think, we

would have died of fear.”

Our Lady then said to them:

“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.”

This was a terrifying vision that was given to the children. Sister Lucy said very clearly that “**The demons were distinguished from the souls of the damned.**” Hence, this demonstrates that the von Balthasar theory [that Hell exists, but it is empty — or another slant, that ‘we know there are demons in Hell, but we really don’t know if there are any human beings in Hell] is completely false. There are demons in Hell, and there are *human souls* in Hell. This vision gave the children the grace and the courage to perform heroic sacrifices for the salvation of souls.

Our Lady also reinforced the teaching on **Purgatory**.

On May 13, 1917, Lucy asked Our Lady about two friends of hers that had died recently.

Lucy asked “Is Maria das Neves already in Heaven? (this girl had died at about age 16).

Our Lady replied “**Yes, she is.**”

Then Lucy asked about her other friend who had died at about age 18 or 20: “And Amelia?”

Our Lady answered, “**she will be in Purgatory until the end of the world.**”

This statement of Our Lady also flies in the face of the false Protestant creeds which reject Purgatory. Just by that one statement, “she will be in Purgatory until the end of the world”, Our Lady is telling Protestants that “your Protestant doctrine which rejects Purgatory is false.”

Our Lady reinforced the teaching on the **Sacrament of Confession**. She established sacramental confession as a necessary condition in order for souls to fulfill the requirements for the Five First Saturdays.

And once again, by this, Our Lady is telling our Protestant friends, “your Protestant doctrine which rejects the sacrament of Confession is false.”

Next, the **Holy Eucharist**.

The apparitions at Fatima not only reinforce the doctrine of the Eucharist, but also reinforce *man’s duty of reverence towards the Holy Eucharist* as the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

In 1916, a year before Our Lady came to Fatima, Jacinta, Francisco and Lucy of Fatima were favored with three separate apparitions of an angel — precursor to Our Lady’s visitations. The third and last of the angelic appearances occurred in autumn, 1916, with the “Angel of the Eucharist.”

At this time, when the angel came to administer the Holy Eucharist to the children, the angel did not appear with an ear-to-ear grin saying to them: “O children, I am here to tell you that the purpose of this Eucharist is to instill in you a sense of community and solidarity, fostering dialogue and personal relationships, and celebrating the inherent dignity of the human person through unity in diversity.”

That was not the scene at all.

Lucy tells us that it was mid-day, and the children were prostrate, reciting the prayers of reparation taught to them by the “Angel of Peace” that preceding spring.

Lucy writes:

“I do not know how many times we repeated that prayer when we saw shining above us an unknown light. We got up ... and we saw the angel again, who had in his left hand a Chalice above which was suspended a Host from which some drops of Blood fell into the Chalice.

“Leaving the Chalice and the Host suspended in the air, he came near us and prostrated himself down to the earth and repeated three times this prayer:

*‘Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, I adore Thee profoundly, and I offer Thee the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He Himself is offended. And by the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.’*”

Lucy writes that the angel arose, took again into his hands the Chalice and the Host and administered Communion to the three children, placing the Sacred Host on Lucy’s tongue and he shared the Blood of the Chalice

between Francisco and Jacinta, saying at the same time:

“Eat and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.”

After this, Lucy relates that the angel “prostrated himself again down to the ground and repeated with us three times the same prayer: *Most Holy Trinity, etc.*” Then he disappeared.”

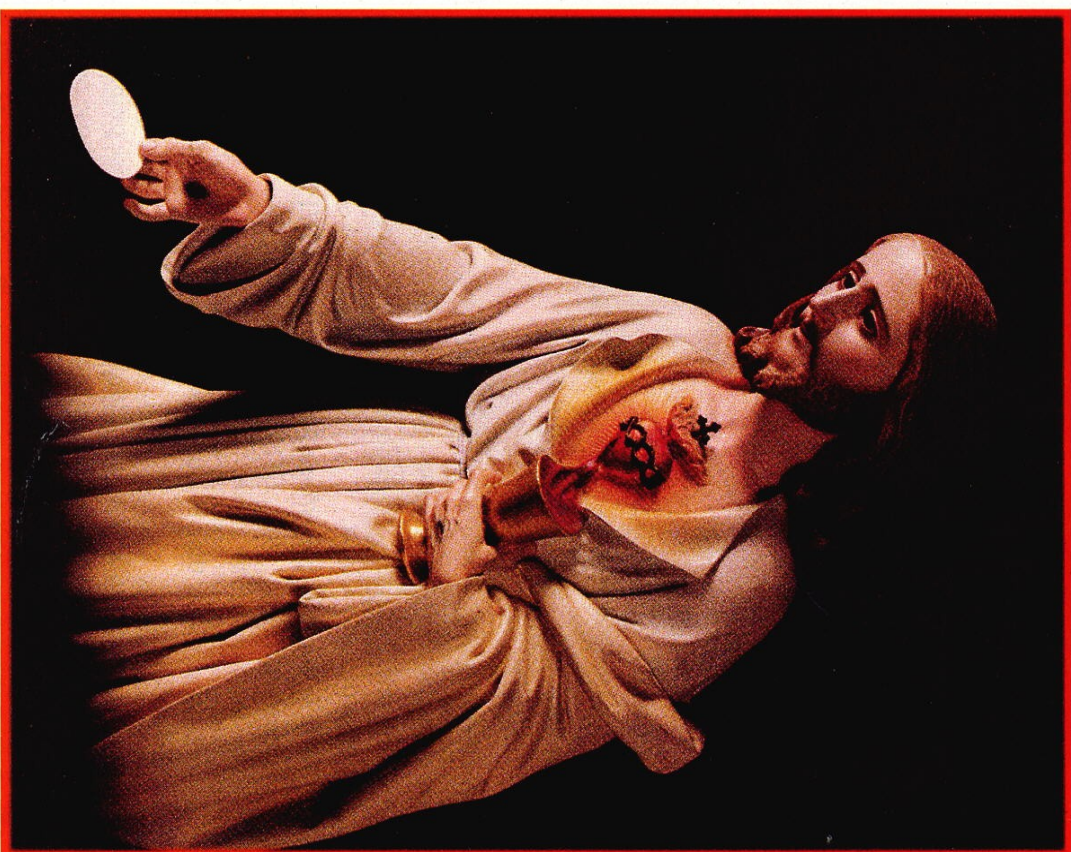
**Is it possible for Heaven to send mankind a more forceful instruction on how the Holy Eucharist should be revered and venerated?** By his actions, the angel not only instructed the three Fatima children, but also the entire 20th Century and all nations until the end of time.

Again, the angel’s mannerism towards the Eucharist was in perfect conformity with the traditional teaching and practice of the Church:

- The angel was on his knees, prostrate with his face to the ground. By doing so, he was acknowledging the Sovereign Majesty and Divinity of Jesus Christ truly present in the Eucharist. This is reminding us of the great reverence that we owe to the Blessed Sacrament.
  - The angel recited prayers of reparation for blasphemy and sacrileges against the Blessed Sacrament, as if foretelling the countless outrages that will occur against the Blessed Sacrament, especially after 1960.
  - The angel prayed, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the conversion of poor sinners, especially, we may infer from the context, for those who sin against the Holy Eucharist.
- The angel did not give Lucy Communion in the hand.
- The three children of Faima knew that the angel was sent for their instruction, that his example was to be followed.

Lucy writes:

“Impelled by the force of the supernatural which enveloped us, we had initiated the angel in everything, that is, we prostrated ourselves like him, and we had repeated the prayers which he said ... We stayed in the same attitude, always repeating the same words.”



So, likewise, it would seem that the angel was God’s messenger from Heaven giving us the example of the profound reverence that we owe to the Blessed Sacrament. And, once again, the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist is something that is rejected by Protestants, by Jews, Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists. Heaven is telling all these man-made religions that



their doctrine is wrong, their creeds are false.

## The Five First Saturdays

Before I move into the next section that deals with the Five First Saturdays, I want to make an observation. There is a tendency today, in the light of what we could call “ecumenical sensitivities”, to play down hard-line Catholic truths for the sake of an ecumenical orientation. This new idea says that, in dealing with non-Catholics, we should not concentrate so much on those things that *divide* us, but let’s put them aside, and concentrate on those things that *unite* us.

By contrast, we see that this is **not** the approach that Our Blessed Mother took at Fatima. Our Lady recognized that Her first duty is to teach the Truth. And Our Lady,

- by emphasizing the Rosary,
- by emphasizing devotion to Her Immaculate Heart,
- by emphasizing the Brown Scapular,
- by emphasizing Purgatory,
- by emphasizing the authority of the Papacy,
- by emphasizing the Sacrament of Confession,
- by emphasizing the Holy Eucharist as the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ,

***Our Lady is emphasizing those very points that DIVIDE Catholics from Protestants, and that DIVIDE Catholics from every other religion on the face of the earth.***

Can any of us claim that in our approach, we know better than the Mother of God?

And not only does the Message of Fatima emphasize those points that divide us, but it explains clearly that, in the objective order, those people who do not believe these truths, and especially those people who refuse to give Her the honor that is due Her, are guilty of the crime of blasphemy.

Our Lord taught this in a delicate but firm manner when He explained the Five First Saturdays of Reparation.

The First Saturdays devotion to Our Lady was not something new. It was not an innovation. Again, in calling for the Five First Saturdays, Our



Lady was showing profound respect for tradition.

In 1892, Pope Leo XIII granted to all the Faithful a plenary indulgence to those who devoted **15 consecutive Saturdays** in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary.

Later on, Pope St. Pius X granted a plenary indulgence to all who would perform the **Twelve First Saturdays** in honor of Our Lady.

Further, on June 13, 1912, Pope St. Pius X granted new indulgences to the Faithful who performed the devotion of **Reparation to Our Lady on the First Saturdays** of the month.

And five years later *to the day*, on June 13, 1917, Our Lady showed to the three children of Fatima Her Immaculate Heart “surrounded by thorns that seemed to pierce It” which demanded reparation.

In calling for the Five First Saturdays, Our Lady took a traditional

devotion, simplified it, and gave it a greater efficacy.

On December 10, 1925, when Lucy was an 18-year-old Postulant in Pontevedra, Our Lady and the Child Jesus appeared to her. Our Lord said,

“Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother, covered with thorns, with which ungrateful men pierce It at every moment, and there is no one to make an Act of Reparation to remove them.”

The Child Jesus is concerned about these sins against His Mother. Then Our Blessed Mother said to Lucy:

“Look, My daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and announce in My name that I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making Reparation to Me.”

Later, Sister Lucy’s confessor, Father Gonçalves, directed Sister Lucy to ask Our Lady some questions regarding the Five First Saturdays.

One of the questions he asked was “Why five Saturdays, and not nine or seven in honor of the Sorrows of Our Lady?”

During the revelation of Our Lord at Tuy on May 29, 1930, Sister Lucy asked that question. This was the response given her by Heaven:

“My daughter, the reason is simple. There are five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. **Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception;**
2. **Blasphemies against Her Perpetual Virginity;**
3. **Blasphemies against Her Divine Maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize Her as the Mother of Men;**
4. **The blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother;**

#### **5. The offenses of those who outrage Her directly in Her Holy Images.”**

Hence, this is what I mean when I say that, indirectly, and in the objective order, Our Lord has accused those who are members of non-Catholic religions as being guilty of blasphemy against Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart.

Let’s look at these five offenses again:

##### **1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception;**

Most Protestants, as well as most of the Eastern Orthodox, do not believe in the Immaculate Conception. And of course neither do Jews, Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists, Freemasons, Communists, socialists, secular humanists, etc.

##### **2. Blasphemies against Her Perpetual Virginity;**

Again, this indicts most Protestants, Jews, Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists, the vast majority of which do not believe in Her Perpetual Virginity. In fact, many “Catholics” today do not believe in Her Perpetual Virginity.

##### **3. Blasphemies against Her Divine Maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize Her as the Mother of Men;**

Of course, we know that Moslems, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists reject this teaching, especially because they do not believe that Jesus Christ is God. And Our Lord warned “No one comes to the Father but through Me.”

##### **4. The blasphemies of those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children indifference or scorn or even hatred of this Immaculate Mother;**

Again, this is the state of Protestants, Jews, Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists, and most other false religions. Members of these religions will teach their children to attach *no importance* to Our Lady and to Her Immaculate Heart. Notice too that this is not something of little importance in Our Lord’s eyes. He calls it *blasphemy*, and He calls upon Catholics to get on their knees and make reparation for these great sins. They are thorns in Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart.

##### **5. The offenses of those who outrage Her directly in Her Holy Images;**

This includes those who would actually destroy Her images, or

ridicule them, or those Protestants who accuse Catholics of idolatry for having statues of Our Lady in places of honor in their homes.

As well as being a call to penance, this is an indictment against all non-Catholic religions.

Thus, **Our Lord is not taking the modern ecumenical approach. He is not emphasizing those points that unite us with false religions. He is emphasizing those points that divide us from non-Catholics.** By doing so, I believe Our Lord is telling us that these points are far more important than any superficial ecumenical unity.

He is emphasizing that these blasphemies against Our Lady's Immaculate Heart are not to be taken lightly. They are, in fact, sins against Faith.

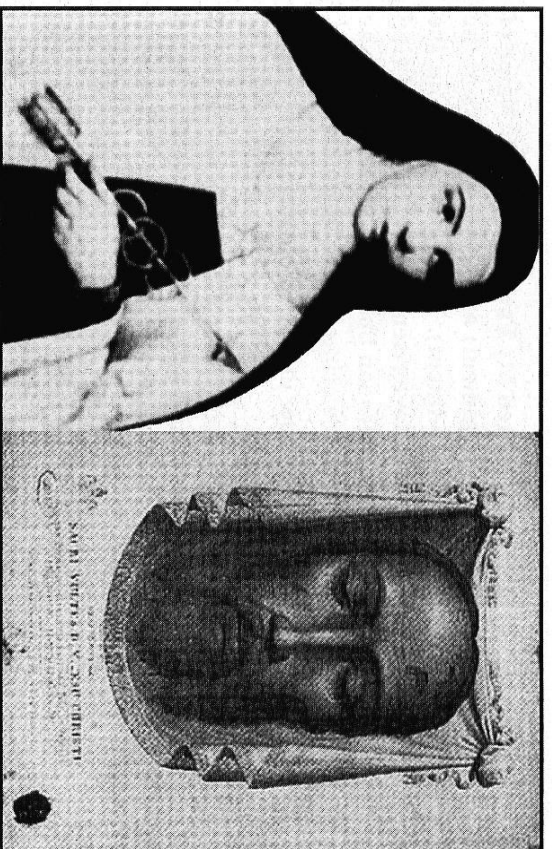
### Tradition of Reparation

At this point, I want to return to a point that I made earlier. Our Lady of Fatima, in everything She did, showed a profound respect for tradition, and that the Five First Saturdays was, and still is, a *traditional* devotion. Of course, doctrinally Our Lady was not teaching anything new. In fact, She was most obedient to the First Vatican Council which taught as an article of faith — *de fide* — that the meaning of Sacred Doctrine can not change. Vatican I taught:

“The meaning of Sacred Dogmas, which must always be preserved, is that which our Holy Mother the Church has determined. Never is it permissible to depart from this in the name of a deeper understanding.”<sup>1</sup>

So whether it is the doctrine of Purgatory, whether it is the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist, whether it is the doctrine of confession, whether it is the defined doctrine that there is only one true Church, outside of which there is no salvation, Vatican I taught that the meaning of these doctrines can never change. And we see that Our Lady was completely faithful to this.

Further, at Fatima, **Our Lady demonstrates Her continuity with the special revelations given by Heaven to the Church in the 19th Century;** whether it be Her appearances at Lourdes, at La Salette, or Our Lord's manifestations to Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre in France in the 1840s. It is all the same urgent message.



Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre was a French Carmelite Nun to whom Our Lord revealed His wish for Reparation and Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus.

When Our Lady came to Lourdes in 1858, She cried out “do penance, make reparation.”

When Our Lady came to La Salette in 1846, She pleaded “do penance, make reparation.” And She warned at La Salette that France would be punished primarily for two sins: for sins against the profanation of Sundays (sins against the Third Commandment), and for taking God's name in vain (sins against the Second Commandment).

This also corresponds in a very special way to the revelations, approved by the Church, given by Our Lord to Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre in the 1840s. Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre was a Carmelite nun in France who died in her early twenties (a fascinating story that we do not have time to cover in detail).

In these messages (like Fatima), Our Lord called for the great need for reparation. And Our Lord, in particular, called for reparation to **His Holy Face.** Our Lord gave to Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre a special prayer called the *GOLDEN ARROW* (to repair blasphemy), which I'll recite for you in a moment. And on November 24, 1843, Our Lord said to Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre:

**“The earth is covered with crimes. The violation of the First Three**

Commandments of God has irritated My Father. The Holy Name of God is blasphemed (2nd Commandment) and the Holy Days of the Lord are profaned (3rd Commandment). These crimes fill up the measure of iniquities. These sins have risen unto the throne of God and provoked His wrath which will soon burst forth if His justice be not appeased. At no time have these crimes reached such a pitch.”<sup>2</sup>

This is the 1840’s, what we consider the “good old days.” Everything is far worse now.

During these revelations, Our Lord asked that an association of Reparation to the Holy Face be formed, and He also dictated the prayer, *THE GOLDEN ARROW* for reparation against blasphemy:

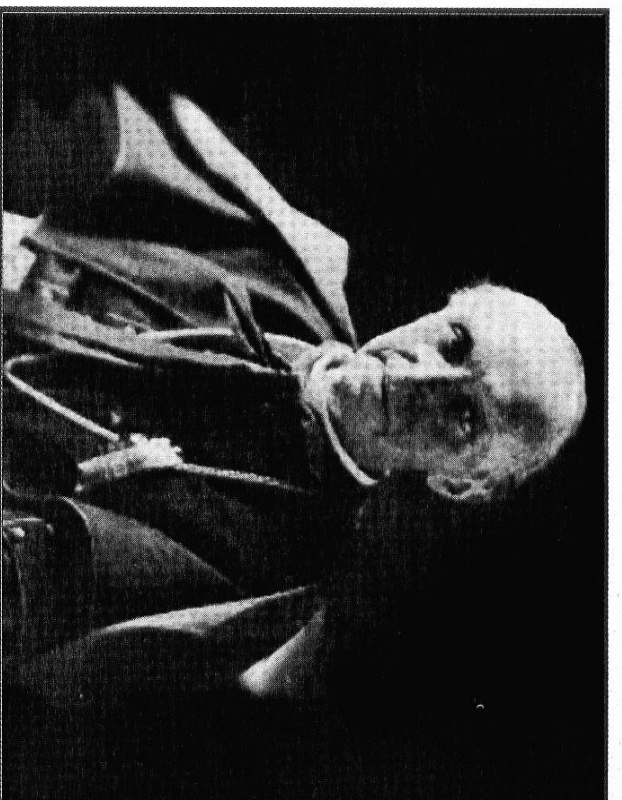
*“May the most holy, most sacred, most adorable, most mysterious and unutterable Name of God be praised, blessed, loved, adored and glorified, in Heaven, on earth, and in Hell, by all God’s creatures, and by the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. Amen”<sup>3</sup>*

At that time, one of the greatest promoters of this Devotion to the Holy Face was the “Holy Man of Tours”, Leo DuPont, who hung a large picture of the Holy Face in his parlor before which burned holy oil. So many miracles were worked in the parlor of Leo DuPont that Blessed Pope Pius IX called DuPont “the wonder worker of the 19th Century”.

Now, Our Lady of Fatima is following “tradition”; this unchanging, urgent call for reparation.

And the revelations of Our Lord to Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre call not only for reparation against the 2nd and 3rd Commandments, as did Our Lady of La Salette, but also calls for reparation for sins against the First Commandment. We know the First Commandment is “I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt not have strange gods before Me.” And our traditional Catholic theology tells us that sins against Faith, especially the sin of heresy, are *sins against* the First Commandment.

Hence, we are called upon not to smile on, and become chummy with, the false creeds of non-Catholics; but we are called to get on our knees and make reparation for these sins against the Faith, these sins against the First Commandment. *These sins of heresy that produce the five blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary were enunciated by Our Lord at Tuy on May 29, 1930.*



In 1918, the great Cardinal Mercier of Belgium stated that the First World War was a punishment for the crime of men placing the one true Catholic religion on the same level with false creeds. Cardinal Mercier said, “In the name of the Gospel, and in the light of the Encyclicals of the last four Popes, Gregory XVI, Pius IX, Leo XIII, and Pius X, I do not hesitate to affirm that this indifference to religions which puts on the same level the religion of divine origin and the religions invented by men in order to include them in the same scepticism is the blasphemy which calls down chastisement on society far more than the sins of individuals and families.”

Unfortunately, today’s practice of ecumenism, and the “spirit of Assisi”, places the true Catholic religion on the same level as “religions invented by men.” According to Cardinal Mercier, this is blasphemy which will incur Divine Chastisement.

### **Fatima vs. the “Spirit of Assisi”**

So, in conclusion, I believe that Heaven wants the Message of Our Lady of Fatima to be central to our world view. Anything that happens in the Church or in the world, we will judge as good or bad, adequate or inadequate, on the basis of whether it is in conformity with Our Lady’s words at Fatima or not.

At Fatima, She reinforced key doctrines of the Faith, and She focused on those points of doctrine that *divide* us from non-Catholics, to demonstrate that Truth is most important. She also instructed us, especially through the Five First Saturdays, and in conformity to the

revelations given at Lourdes, La Salette and to Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre, of the need to get on our knees and make reparation for the sins of men, particularly for the sins against Faith that are part and parcel of non-Catholic creeds, especially in regard to Her Immaculate Heart.

She did not teach any new doctrine, nor any modernized understanding of doctrine that would cause us to reinterpret Catholic teaching any way differently from the way it has been taught for 2,000 years.

She told us that world peace will come only by obeying Her request of the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, not by Catholics joining with false religions in inter-religious prayers for peace — religions which She claims are blaspheming Her by their disbelief. In fact, and this is sad to say, at the great prayer-meeting at Assisi in 1986, when Catholics prayed in public with false religions for the cause of peace, the Holy Rosary was not prayed at all. This despite the fact that the Rosary is the specific prayer given by Our Lady as a condition for peace. Likewise, on that day, the Immaculate Heart of Mary was neither honored nor invoked.

This is a *radical departure* from the plan given by Our Lady. In fact, I believe these inter-religious assemblies will not only fail to produce any good fruit, but may actually be a cause for great chastisement. And I say this not on my own authority, but on the authority of one of the most eminent Cardinals of the 20th Century, the great Cardinal Mercier of Belgium.

In 1918, just one year after the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, the great Cardinal Mercier stated that the First World War was actually a punishment for the crime of men placing the one true religion on the same level as false creeds (which is precisely what these new pan-religious meetings do, in stark contradiction to 2,000 years of Catholic teaching). In a 1918 pastoral letter entitled “The Lesson of Events,” Cardinal Mercier said,

“In the name of the Gospel, and in the light of the Encyclicals of the last four Popes, Gregory XVI, Pius IX, Leo XIII, and Pius X, I do not hesitate to affirm that this indifference to religions which puts on the same level the religion of divine origin and the religions invented by men in order to include them in the same



*scepticism is the blasphemy which calls down chastisement on society far more than the sins of individuals and families.”<sup>4</sup>*

Hence, we see that Cardinal Mercier’s statements are in perfect continuity with the consistent teaching of the Popes throughout the centuries, and in perfect harmony with a world view based on Fatima.

So I will close with what I said earlier. Just the way that the great Miracle of October 13, 1917 — especially with the sun dancing in the sky and then plummeting toward the earth — was so spectacular that it was impossible to take your eyes off of it; likewise, the Fatima Message itself is of such magnitude, such importance, such centrality, that we **must never take our eyes off of Fatima, never take our eyes off of Our Lady’s, and never allow ourselves to be distracted from Her in any way whatsoever.**

**Notes:** (1) Vatican I, Session III, Chap. IV, Faith and Reason. (2) Scalan, *The Holy Man of Tours* (Tan Books), p. 122. (3) P. Janvier, *Life of Sister Saint-Pierre*, with an approbation by Most Rev. Charles Colet, Archbishop of Tours, (John Murphy & Co. Baltimore, 1884) p. 114. (4) Quote taken from *The Kingship of Christ and Organized Naturalism* by Father Denis Fahey (Regina Publications, June, 1943), p. 36. Footnoted as cited from Cardinal Mercier’s Pastoral Letter, 1918, *The Lesson of Events*.



## Sister Lucy on “Diabolical Disorientation”

Extracts from *A Little Treatise, by the Seer, on the Nature and Recitation of the Rosary*: a collection of excerpts from letters of Sister Lucy written between 1969-71.\*

J.M.

Dear Maria Teresa,

Coimbra, 12-4-1970

*Pax Christi*, Our Mother received your letter and I ask forgiveness on her behalf for not responding personally, but that is not possible at the moment with so much to be done with the upcoming foundation of the new Carmel in Braga. For this reason she gave me the letter, that I might respond. This is what I am going to do.

Our Mother is not going to allow what you wish. But then again it is not necessary. I should not, nor am I able to give testimony. I should remain in silence, prayer and penance. This is the best way in which I can and should help. It is necessary that the entire apostolate have this principle as a basis; and this is the part that the Lord chose for me: to pray and sacrifice myself for those who fight and work in the vineyard of the Lord and for the extension of His Kingdom.

It is for this reason that my name should not appear. Instead of that, it is much more efficacious for one to serve in the Name of Our Lady, putting forth the movement as the ‘Fulfillment’ of the Message, presenting as an argument the insistence with which . . .

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**Our Lady requested and recommended that the Rosary be prayed every day, having repeated this in all the Apparitions as if forewarning us that in these times of diabolical disorientation, we must not let ourselves be deceived by false doctrines that diminish the elevation of our soul to God by means of prayer.**

For certain, it is not necessary that during the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that one pray the Holy Rosary: besides time set aside for the Holy Mass, we must also put aside time for praying the Holy Rosary. We can and should take part in the one without forsaking the other. The Rosary is, for the majority of souls who live in the world, their daily spiritual bread; and to deprive them or draw them away from this prayer is to decrease in their minds the appreciation and good faith with which they pray, and in the spiritual realm the same or even more, so much more, considering the spiritual realm is superior to the material realm. If I can put it another way, it is as if in the material realm people were to be deprived of the bread necessary to sustain physical life.

Unfortunately, the majority of people are ignorant in religious matters and let themselves be tossed wherever the wave carries them. Therefore the great responsibility lies with those who have the office to lead them; and all of us are each other’s leaders, because we all have the obligation to mutually help one another, and walk the good path.

Beyond what I have said, it would be well if the prayer of the Rosary were given a more real meaning than that which it has been given, until now, of a simple “Marian” prayer. All the prayers that we say in the Rosary are prayers that form part of the Sacred Liturgy; and more than a prayer directed to Mary it is a prayer directed to God: — the Our Father was taught to us by Jesus Christ, Who said: “Pray thus, Our Father Who art in Heaven . . .” — “Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost . . .” is the hymn that the Angels sang, who were sent by God to announce the birth of His Word, God made man. — The Hail Mary, well understood, is nothing less than a prayer directed to God: “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee”. I hail Thee, Mary, because the Lord is with Thee! These words were most certainly dictated by the Father to the Angel, when He sent him to earth, in order that with these words he should greet Mary.

Yes! The Angel came to say to Mary that She was full of Grace, not by Herself but because the Lord was with Her! — “Blessed art Thou amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus”. These words, with

which Elizabeth greeted Mary, were dictated to her by the Holy Ghost as the Evangelist tells us: "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, ... she was filled with the Holy Ghost. Crying out in a loud voice she exclaimed, Blessed art Thou amongst women, and Blessed is the fruit of Thy womb." Yes! Because that fruit is Jesus, true God and true Man!

So this salutation is an act of praise addressed to God: Blessed art Thou amongst women because Blessed is the fruit of Thy womb; and because Thou art the Mother of God made Man, — in Thee we adore God as in the first Tabernacle in which the Father enclosed His Word; as on the first Altar, Thy lap; as in the first Monstrance, Thy arms, before which the Angels, shepherds and kings knelt to adore the Son of God made Man! And because Thou, O Mary, art the first living Temple of the Most Holy Trinity, wherein live the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, "The Spirit will come over Thee and the power of the Most High will overshadow Thee. Therefore the Holy One, which is to be born, will be called Son of God" (Luke 1:35). Since Thou art a Tabernacle, a Monstrance, a living Temple, permanent home of the Most Holy Trinity, Mother of God and our Mother — "pray for us poor sinners now and at the hour of our death."

Who could deny that this is a prayer and act of praise addressed to God? Would it be better for us to direct our praise, adoration and supplications kneeling before inanimate altars of wood, stone or metal, or insensible golden monstrances incapable of praying for us?!

It is certain that Saint Paul said there is only one Mediator with the Father. Yes! As God, there is only one, who is Jesus Christ. But the same Apostle asks that we pray for him and recommends that we pray for each other. Therefore, could the Apostle believe that Mary's prayer was not as pleasing to God as is our prayer? **It is the diabolical disorientation that is invading the world and deceiving souls! It is necessary to confront it;** and for this end what I say here can be of use to you. But as your own thing, without saying my name; as something that comes forth from you, running off your pen. And, in truth, it is yours, because in the quality of members of the Mystical Body of Christ which we are, everything is ours, because everything is from the Head, Christ Jesus.

And I remain in my place, praying for you, and for all those with whom you are going to work, that it may be a battle which gives much glory to God and brings much light and grace to souls, peace to Holy Mother the Church and peace to a world stained by the blood of wars.

Perhaps it would also be well to present the campaign, not only as the fulfilment of the Message, but also as a campaign of prayer and penance for peace in the world, in the Church and in the Portuguese overseas provinces. And may it be that Portugal, so devoted to the Eucharist and to Mary, becomes the first nation to recognize that the prayer of the Rosary is not only a Marian prayer, but also a Eucharistic prayer. And therefore, nothing should prevent one from praying before the Blessed Sacrament. As proof of this, the Holy Father Pope Pius XI had granted a plenary indulgence to those who pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament; and recently, His Holiness Pope Paul VI again granted the same indulgence.

Therefore, it is necessary to pray the Rosary in cities, in towns and in villages, in the streets, on the road, while traveling or at home, in churches and in chapels! It is a prayer that is accessible to all, and everyone can and should pray. There are many who do not attend the liturgical prayer of the Holy Mass on a daily basis. If they do not pray the Rosary, what praying do they do? And without prayer who can be saved? — "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation."

It is necessary then to pray and pray always. This means that all our activities and labors should be accompanied by a great spirit of prayer, because it is in prayer that the soul meets with God, and in this meeting grace and strength are received, even when one's prayers are accompanied by distractions. Prayer always brings an increase of Faith to souls, even if it be no more than a momentary remembrance of the mysteries of our Redemption, recalling the Birth, Death and Resurrection of our Savior; and God will dismiss and pardon those distractions attributed to human weakness, ignorance and littleness.

Concerning the repetition of the Hail Mary's, it is not as they would have you believe, that it is an outdated practice. All the things that exist and were created by God are maintained and preserved by means of repetition, continued always from the same acts. And nobody thinks to call the sun, moon, stars, birds, plants, etc. outdated because they revolve, live and sprout always in the same way! And they are much older than the prayer of the Rosary! For God nothing is old. Saint John says that the Blessed in Heaven sing a new song, repeating always: Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord, God of Hosts! And it is new, because in the light of God everything appears with new brilliance.

I embrace you as always in union of prayers.

Sr. Lucy, o.c.d.

J.M.J.T.

Coimbra, Sept. 16, 1970

Dear Mother Martins,

*Pax Christi*

I received your letter, for which I greatly thank you. It has been a long time since I heard any news from you, and I didn't even know about your state of health, nor how you were feeling after the operation. By what you say to me, I see that you must have suffered a lot! This is the penance that Our Lord now asks of you, and these sufferings that He sometimes sends us are the hardest to take. But they are also that which most unite us to Him, Who was the Martyr of Sorrows.

I also have not been feeling very well in my heart, in my eyes, etc. but it is necessary to complete in one's self what is wanting in the Passion of Christ. It is necessary that Our Lord's members be one with Him, by physical pain and by moral anguish ... Our poor Lord, Who saved us with such love, and how little understood He is! How little loved! How badly served! It is painful to see such disorientation, and in so many people who occupy positions of responsibility! ...

As much as possible, we have to seek to make reparation by a union with the Lord that is ever more intimate, identifying ourselves with Him, so that He may be, in us, the light of this world which is immersed in the darkness of error, immorality and pride. It hurts me to learn about what you say, of what already is also happening there!

**... It is because the devil has been able to infiltrate evil under the guise of good, and they act as the blind leading the blind, as Our Lord tells us in His Gospel; and souls go on allowing themselves to be deceived.**

Voluntarily I sacrifice myself and offer my life to God, for peace in His Church, for priests and for all consecrated souls, above all for those who carry on so erroneously and so deceived! For our separated Brothers: May God give light to all of them and put them on the right path — the path of Truth, which is Jesus Christ.

Regarding what you tell me about the recitation of the Rosary, how sad! Because the prayer of the Rosary or five decades of it, after the Liturgy of the Most Holy Eucharist, is what most unites us to God by the richness of the prayers with which it is composed, all of them coming from Heaven, dictated by the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Glory Be that we pray in all the mysteries was dictated by the

Father to the Angels when He sent them to sing it to His Word as a newborn babe, and it is a hymn to the Trinity.

The Our Father was dictated to us by the Son, and it is a prayer addressed to the Father.

The Hail Mary is, all of it, impregnated with meaning both with regard to the Trinity and to the Eucharist. The first words were dictated by the Father to the Angel when He sent him to announce the mystery of the Incarnation of the Word.

*"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee"*: Thou art full of grace, because in Thee resides the source of the same Grace. And it is by Thy union with the Most Holy Trinity that Thou art full of grace.

Moved by the Holy Ghost, St. Elizabeth said: *"Blessed art Thou amongst all women, and blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus"*: If Thou art blessed, it is because Jesus, the fruit of Thy womb, is blessed.

The Church also moved by the Holy Ghost, added the words: *"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death"*: This is also a prayer addressed to God through Mary: *Because Thou art the Mother of God, pray for us.*

It is indeed a Trinitarian prayer because Mary was the first living Temple of the Most Holy Trinity: *"The Holy Ghost shall come upon Thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow Thee: — and the Son which shall be born of Thee shall be called the Son of the Most High."*

Mary is the first living Tabernacle where the Father enclosed His Word. Her Immaculate Heart is the first Monstrance that sheltered Him. Her lap and Her arms were the first altar and the first throne upon which the Son of God made man was adored. There the Angels, the Shepherds and the wise men of the earth adored Him. Mary is the first Who took the Son of God in Her pure and Immaculate hands and brought Him to the Temple to offer Him to the Father as a victim for the salvation of the world.

So the prayer of the Rosary, after the Liturgy of the Most Holy Eucharist, is what most introduces us to the intimate mystery of the Most Holy Trinity and the Eucharist; what most brings us to the spirit of the mysteries of Faith, Hope and Charity.

The prayer of the Rosary is the spiritual bread of souls: Whoever does not pray, wastes away and dies. It is by prayer that we find ourselves with God, and in this meeting with Him, He communicates to us Faith, Hope and Charity: virtues without which we cannot be saved.



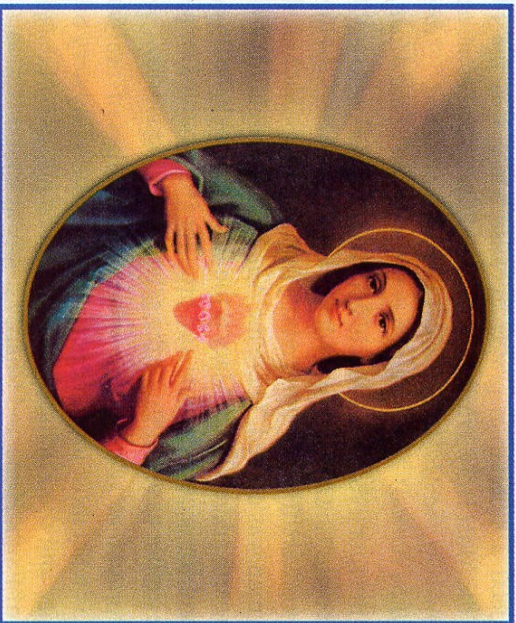
The Rosary is the prayer of the rich and the poor, of the educated and the simple. Take this devotion away from souls, and you take away their spiritual daily bread.

The Rosary is what sustains the little flame of Faith that still has not been extinguished in many consciences. Even for those souls who pray without meditating, the very act of taking up the Rosary to pray is already a remembrance of God, of the Supernatural. A simple recollection of the mysteries of each decade is one more ray of light to sustain in souls the still smoldering wick.

**This is why the devil has made such war against it. And what is worse is that he has succeeded in deluding and deceiving souls who have much responsibility because of the positions they occupy! ... They are the blind leading the blind! ...**

I have great hope that the day will not be long in coming in which the prayer of the Holy Rosary will be declared liturgical prayer. Yes, because all of it forms part of the Liturgy of the Most Holy Eucharist. We pray, work, sacrifice ourselves and trust that —

**“In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph!”**



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