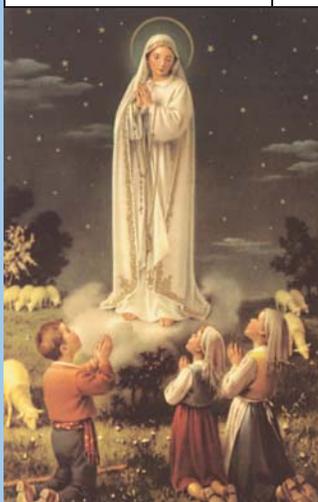


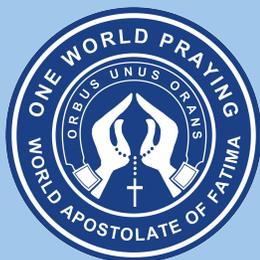
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REVELATION AT FATIMA

BY FR. JOHN A. GALLAS, SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Several months ago my parishes held a mission preached by one of the excellent missionary priests from the Fathers of Mercy. In the course of his sermons he taught about the visions at Fatima. Afterward, I was surprised to hear a parishioner asking, "Why is he talking about Fatima? That's just private revelation, so we don't have to believe in it, and he shouldn't be talking about it from the pulpit!"

After hearing this comment, I realized how important it is to proclaim Mary's Fatima message and also to clarify its proper place in the life of the Church. It is true that the Catholic faithful are not obliged to believe in any particular private revelations. It would be quite a mistake, however, to say that we cannot teach about Fatima from the pulpit or in Catechism classes. The middle ground is found, as always, in the teaching of the Church.

At Fatima, the three shepherd children received messages from Our Lady encouraging them and others to pray the Rosary and to offer up their sufferings as a penance in reparation for sins. They announced that Mary promised a sign, which would occur on October 13, 1917, and verify whether their message was authentic. The sign came when the sun inexplicably danced around the sky, changed colors, dried the muddy earth, and dried the wet clothes of all present. There were more than 50,000 witnesses of this public miracle.

Christ's miracles played an essential role in the Gospels, giving His disciples reason to believe. When the Church investigated the

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revelations at Fatima, she found not only that the content of the message was in harmony with Catholic Faith, but also that the solar event had no natural explanation, and could reasonably be accepted as a heavenly verification. In October of 1930, Bishop José Alves Correia, the Ordinary of the Diocese of Leiria, Portugal, declared that the visions of

the shepherd children were worthy of belief.

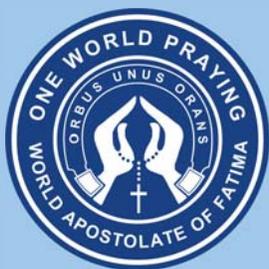
The purpose of the Fatima message is not to supplant the Gospel but to bring us back to it. Mary does not distract us from her Son, She draws us toward Him. "Do whatever He tells you," she said in the Gospel. (John 2:5) If public revelation is the runway, we might say that private revelations can serve as runway lights. Church-approved private revelation is a non-essential component of Divine Revela-

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tion which serves to highlight and point the way to God's public Revelation.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC) puts it this way: "Throughout the ages, there have been so-called 'private' revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the Deposit of Faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, *but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history.* Guided by the Magisterium of the Church, the *sensus fidelium* knows how to discern and welcome in these revelations whatever constitutes an authentic call of Christ or His saints to the Church." (CCC, n. 64)

The visions of Fatima, then, are approved by the Magisterium of the Church. They have been welcomed by her when, for example, in 2002 the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima was added to the Church's official liturgical calendar. Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Mass at Fatima on May 13, 2010, and said in his sermon: "In Sacred Scripture we often find that God seeks righteous men and women in order to save the city of man and He does the same here, in Fatima, when Our Lady asks: 'Do you want to offer yourselves to God, to endure all the sufferings which He will send you, in an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?'" How appropriate it is for priests to preach on Fatima, because the Church herself has approved this message. How appropriate it is, and indeed urgent, for the laity to live and spread this message, above all in our homes.



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REPARATION FOR THE TRIUMPH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART

BY JOHN C. PREISS

The world today is in a precarious state of emergency because of many evils that we Christians face on a daily basis. Our religious freedom is under attack and we must fight for Christ. There was a time when America had an isolation policy, separated as we are from the East and West by two oceans. However, as countries became more advanced in modern technology, the distance between countries became irrelevant. The production of powerful weapons has made possible the mass destruction of human lives and property.

The call of Mary, Mother of the Church, for acts of reparation, especially on First Saturday, and for the daily Rosary for peace, is more relevant today than ever. But why reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary? Some ask this question thinking, "Mary is not God." We all know that sin offends God. However, Mary, magnificent and great as she is, is a creature like us, created by God.

With only a basic faith one can understand the need for reparation to Jesus Christ and to God the Father in, with, and through Jesus Christ. We know that Jesus is both God and man: as God-man, He is the mediator and the bridge between Heaven and earth, and also between God and mankind. Our sins caused Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross. Thus, it is clear that we owe Him reparation.

What is Reparation?

Reparation is the key to peace and the salvation of our souls. It is the act of making amends and it is the attempt to restore things to their normal and sound state. Reparation means to recompense for the losses sustained, or the harm caused, by some immoral action. We know that the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, broke the union of grace, of holiness between God and man. An infinite distance now separated man from God because the malice of original sin was infinite. Therefore, infinite reparation was necessary—infinite amends are needed to restore the relationship of holiness and grace between God and man. We realize that man cannot do anything

of infinite value, yet it must be accomplished by man because it was man who had committed the infinite offense.

Christ, the Ultimate Sacrifice for Reparation

Our Lord offered the ultimate sacrifice at Calvary, this infinite act of sacrifice in reparation for the sins of the whole world. He has offered this infinitely perfect sacrifice to appease God and to unite God and man as a bridge from earth to Heaven. This great and wonderful sacrifice is offered throughout the world by every validly ordained priest who shares in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. We call this the sacrifice of the Mass. It is infinite reparation because it is the sacrifice of the Cross perpetuated. In this infinite act of reparation Jesus scans the infinite distance between God the Father and us—poor, weak, and sinful human beings. Jesus repairs and restores and unites God with man in this ultimate sacrifice of the Cross.

Reparation with respect to God means to make up with greater love for the failure in love through sin. It means restoring what was unjustly taken and compensating with generosity for the selfishness that caused the injury. "Greater love than this no man has, that he lay down his life for his friends." In John 3:16 it says, "For God so loved the world, as to give His only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in Him, may not perish, but have everlasting life."

The Angel of Peace Appears to the Three Children

When the Angel first appeared to the three children at Fatima he said, "The hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications." Then at his second appearance the Angel said, "Make everything you do a sacrifice, and offer it as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. Bring peace to your country in this way ... above all, accept and bear with submission, the sufferings sent to you by our Lord." Finally, when the Angel appeared

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VIGILS OF REPARATION

BY KATHLEEN O'HERN

We would like to invite you to Vigils of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the first Friday and Saturday of the month. The Vigils begin at 7:00 P.M. with the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, followed by Mass of the Sacred Heart at 7:30 P.M. The Vigils conclude with Benediction at 11:45 P.M. followed by Mass of the Immaculate Heart at midnight and the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Throughout the evening we pray in reparation before the Blessed Sacrament in atonement for our sins, the sins of our family, our country, and those of the whole world. Prayers include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Litanies, and times of quiet adoration. Confession is also available during the evening.

The Angel of Peace told the children of Fatima to "Pray! Pray very much!" and to "Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High [God]." The Angel continued by saying, "Make of everything you can 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." Then the Angel stated, "You will thus draw down peace upon your country."

Our Blessed Mother, during her apparition to the children of Fatima on July 13, 1917, taught them a prayer to say when they would have some sacrifice to offer to God: "O my Jesus, it is for love of Thee, in reparation for the offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor sinners."

Please note that we do not hold Vigils of Reparation in Lent as we encourage everyone to participate in Lenten devotions, Stations of the Cross, talks, retreats, and other activities sponsored by your parish. We also do not have Vigils on the first Friday of October and invite you to attend the annual candlelight Rosary Procession from the Capitol to the Cathedral of St. Paul. When the first Friday and first Saturday do not fall on the same weekend, we also do not hold a Vigil of Reparation.

Please join us for the upcoming Vigils of Reparation in May at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Hasting; in June at St. Augustine in South St. Paul; and in July at St. Joseph in West St. Paul. If you are interested in hosting a Vigil of Reparation at your parish, please contact Kathleen O'Hern at 651-426-9401.

Thank you and God bless you!

REPARATION

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for the third time, we hear Eucharistic reparation taught in a powerful way.

Why Make Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary?

So why reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary? Mary is the Mother of the Universal Church. Our sins offend her Son Jesus Christ, Who is Head of the Church, and what hurts the Son also hurts His Mother. Of all the members of the Mystical Body after Jesus Christ Himself, we owe reparation first and foremost to Mary, His Mother and our Mother. But how do we make reparation to Mary?

At Fatima Our Blessed Mother told us how. She called for reparation, especially on First Saturdays, and requested that

four things be offered to her Immaculate Heart:

1. Make a good Sacramental Confession;
2. While in the state of grace, receive Our Lord in Holy Communion;
3. Recite five decades of the Rosary; and
4. Keep Mary company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary.

Our Lady of Fatima reaffirmed the Church's teachings about reparation. It is our duty to live the message, to spread the message, and to live in the refuge of her Immaculate Heart.

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FAMILY ROSARY
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GRACE-FILLED MARIAN CONGRESS ENHANCED BY OUR LADY'S STATUE

BY BARB ERNSTER

This year's Marian Congress was especially blessed with the presence of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue (NPVS), adding to the prayerful and spiritual elements of the day. The more than 200 people who attended the event had plenty of time throughout the day to pray with, and to, Our Lady of Fatima whose presence was apparent.

Participants left the Congress with a renewed sense of purpose and mission to learn, live, and spread the Message of Fatima through the engaging talks presented by Fr. John Gallas, Msgr. Charles Mangan of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, and Mr. Bill Sockey, custodian of the NPVS for the WAF USA. Each stressed that there is no one

else who will take up this call from Our Lady—not the atheists, not those who have fallen away. It is up to us to pray and do penance for the salvation of souls.

Fr. Gallas presented the basic elements of the apparitions of Fatima and their importance today. He gave an excellent analogy, likening public revelation to a runway, and private revelation to the lights that point the way. Private revelation “reveals hidden truth to private individuals for their own welfare and others,” he said, and the message of Fatima that is applicable to our everyday lives is prayer and penance (please refer to the recap of his talk on page 1).

Msgr. Mangan spoke eloquently about the lives of Blessed John Paul II and St. Katharine Drexel, whose feast day happened to be the day of the congress. Their particular virtues of fidelity, hope, perseverance and trust are what we need to live the Fatima message, he said. “St. Katharine Drexel and Blessed John Paul lived not for themselves, but for the eter-

nal God, that the name of God, not their names, might spread,” which is the virtue of fidelity.

Both lived their lives with great hope, staying focused on the eternal life that comes after this one, and fulfilling all that God asked of them with great perseverance and trust. “Our Blessed Lady told us to avail ourselves often and worthily of the Sacraments, especially the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Penance. With these we receive the

graces to be faith-filled, hopeful, persevering and trusting.”

Bill Sockey reminded the audience that Our Lady came to Fatima for one purpose—to save souls. And while she warned us about the spiritual, material, and social devastation that would flow from the atheism of Russia, which is what we're experiencing today, she was primarily concerned about the souls that would be lost because of it.

“We have a tendency to lament and weep about the state of affairs today and that's to look at it the wrong way. The state of affairs today was just destined to happen in the history of the world because of sin, and our Blessed Mother came as a special grace to tell her children who would listen to her what was going to happen, so we would recognize the signs and understand the solution.”

The solution is prayer and penance. “*Penance. Penance. Penance.*” The Angel of Peace stated you will thus draw down peace for your nation. “This is how we convert the U.S. This is what will convert sinners and change the world,” said Mr. Sockey.

He encouraged the crowd to start their day with the prayer that was taught by the Angel—*Oh my God, I believe, I*

adore, I hope, and I love you. I ask pardon for all those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love you.

“This prayer was written in Heaven and handed to us by an angel and we are asked to pray it every day to save souls,” he said. Mr. Sockey also recalled the vision of hell and the many souls falling into hell because they had no one to pray and make sacrifices for them. Our Lady said, “*Make everything you can a sacrifice, but above all, accept and bear with submission the suffering that God sends you and offer it as reparation for sinners.*”

“This is the greatest calling possible. We members of the World Apostolate of Fatima will take this upon us. We are not asking God to increase our suffering, but at a minimum to stop complaining and to offer our sufferings. Start offering it in the morning. You'll become conscious of your sufferings through the day and you'll stop and say, ‘Oh, that's another soul to save.’ We need a fundamental conversion in the way we look at pain. It's got purpose. Why does God allow it?—for the salvation of souls.”

Copies of each talk is available on CD for \$5 each. If you wish to order a copy, please call 763-502-0792 or send an e-mail to info@fatimaonline.org.



Bill Sockey with Our Lady's Statue

SURVEY RESULTS

Many Marian Congress attendees filled out a survey and overwhelmingly said the most inspiring and enjoyable part of the event are the talks and speakers. More than one survey requested more time for Confession, some asked for shorter talks, and some gave suggestions for speakers they would like to hear in the future. Several asked for something other than donuts for breakfast. The Board has discussed these and all of the suggestions and will accommodate them as best we can, while continuing to keep the Congress affordable.

We wish to thank all of our speakers and vendors, the Fatima Youth Group, the staff at St. Joseph's, and all who assisted us at the Congress.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION

May 6, 2012

Procession from State Capitol to
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Gather at Capitol at 1:30 P.M.

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- For the soul of our deceased member Madeline Moes
- For all Board members and officers, that they will respond to God's grace in their service to the WAF
- For the newly baptized and all who came into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil
- For a greater awareness of the dignity of the human person who is made in the image and likeness of God
- For a greater understanding that human life is a sacred gift and an end to the contraceptive mentality that permeates our world
- For a great resurgence in Fatima Prayer Cell participation

If you have a prayer intention that you wish to have included, please call Mary at 651-450-6941.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Christ is risen, Alleluia! Indeed, He is risen, Alleluia!

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the World Apostolate of Fatima, I wish each of you a joyous and grace-filled Easter Season.

In the midst of this joyful season, I would like to reflect further on the theme of our recently concluded Marian Congress, "Fatima: More Relevant Today than Ever!" Our speakers did an amazing job of bringing great clarity to the urgent need in our times to learn, live, and spread the Message of Fatima. I'm convinced that Congress attendees departed that day with a hope-filled conviction that our part now is to take their words to heart and act on them.

Deacon Bob Ellis, in a recent mailing, stated that "it seems as though the World Apostolate of Fatima ... is existing in what one might call a 'Permanent Season of Lent.'" He called attention to Pope Benedict XVI's recent prophetic words regarding the third part of the Secret of Fatima: "... an indication is given of realities involving the future of the Church, which are gradually taking shape and becoming evident." What promptly came to mind for me personally were some of the critical issues currently facing not only our own Archdiocese, but the whole of our great country.

The imminent threat against religious freedom posed by the Health and Human Service (HHS) Mandate and an unrelenting effort of a vocal minority to redefine the traditional meaning of marriage to something other than a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman in an enduring bond of love are but two

contemporary issues that heavily weigh on the minds of many.

Cardinal George of Chicago made the following stark prediction in 2010: "I will die in bed, my successor will die in prison, and his successor will die a martyr in the public square." More recently he stated that unless the HHS mandate as it currently exists is rescinded, Catholic hospitals and health care institutions in the United States will be gone two Lents from now. It seems the battle lines are drawn. What is our part? It must be precisely to urgently put into practice the core message of Fatima: prayer and penance. We know that in the end the Immaculate Heart of Mary will ultimately triumph, but we know also that we must do our part. Indeed, Fatima is more relevant today than ever!

Before closing, I would like to inform our membership of a structural change that has taken place in the WAF. *Children of the Eucharist* has prayerfully made the decision to separate themselves from WAF USA and become an independent entity. Please continue to keep their work in your prayers as they strive, on an international basis, to bring our young ones before Our Eucharistic Lord.

Finally, I ask each of you to pray for the Board as we continue the discernment and planning process for a month-long visit of the National Pilgrim Virgin Statue to our Archdiocese in April of 2013. Many signed up to help at the Marian Congress and the committee that is being formed will be in contact with you in the upcoming weeks and months.

In the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,
Don Fier

CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA

BY BILL SOCKEY

[Editor's Note: The following question was asked after our recently-held Marian Congress (please see page 5 for a Marian Congress recap). Since it is a question that is asked with some regularity, National Pilgrim Virgin Statue custodian Bill Sockey has provided a detailed answer.]

Question: Before Mass on March 3, 2012, the World Apostolate of Fatima group had some words to say at St. Joseph's in West St. Paul. I found it

strange that one presenter stated that Russia has been consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart. From everything I have read, it was not done in the manner that Mary required and is therefore invalid. Since war is the punishment for sin and we have not had a period in human history when there has not been war (Mary promised a period of peace), I would like to know the specific date that

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CONSECRATION

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this consecration took place in order to clear up my confusion.

Mr. Sockey: Pope John Paul II, in union with all the bishops of the Church, fulfilled Our Lady's request for the consecration of Russia on March 25, 1984. In a personal letter to the Pope, Sister Lucia confirmed that Our Lady's request had been fulfilled and the 1984 consecration had been accepted. Sister Lucia further said that only the Pope can interpret properly what the Message of Fatima requires from him, nobody else (this is, in fact, Catholic doctrine on the interpretation of private revelations).

Following the consecration of 1984, the Soviet Union collapsed and the new Russian government officially embraced Christianity. Today, Russian children are led in prayer every day in public schools and religion is taught as a required subject in all Russian public schools. The President of Russia publicly kissed the holiest icon of Our Lady for Russia on television, broadcast throughout their country. They even built a cathedral in Havana, Cuba, and required the communist government of Cuba to dedicate the cathedral. Russians are encouraged by their government to display religious decorations on their town squares and in government buildings and schools at

Christmas time, which is prohibited in the United States.

The theory that the 1984 consecration was not done correctly denies what Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have clearly stated: The consecration was made and that the Third Secret of Fatima was totally revealed. The subsequent abandonment of Russia's commitment to promoting world-wide atheism is clear for everyone to see.

We need to keep in mind that Our Lady only specified that the consecration be made by the Pope in union with all the Bishops. She did not specify the words to be used. She also did not say the period of peace following the consecration would be instantaneous or miraculous. She said peace would follow "if what I ask is done..." And what she asked was more than just the consecration of Russia (specifically, that the Five First Saturdays devotion be spread throughout the Church).

Our Lady also specified that the purpose of the consecration of Russia was to prevent World War II, the martyrdom of Christians, the spread of atheism from Russia causing wars and suffering in the world and the Church, the annihilation of several nations, and the shooting of the Pope. During World War II Our Lord

appeared to Sister Lucia and told her that the consecration was going to come too late. By 1984 pretty much all the evils the consecration was supposed to prevent had already happened. What the consecration of 1984 did seem to prevent was a nuclear war, which we were very close to at that time.

Those people or organizations that deny the consecration has been done (or that the Third Secret has been revealed) make a clever argument against the clear statements of the Pope. The argument amounts to saying that the Pope is lying to Catholics about the consecration and the Third Secret of Fatima. But Catholics don't follow non-Catholic opinions that contradict the Pope, however clever and persuasive they may be.

The true story of the consecration of Russia and the Third Secret is told in two books: (1) *Fatima for Today* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, one of the world's foremost experts on the apparitions at Fatima, and (2) *The Last Secret of Fatima* by Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, Secretary of State for the Vatican and former secretary to then-Cardinal Ratzinger when he served as Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Both of these books can be purchased through the World Apostolate of Fatima.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

[Editor's Note: The following questions were asked in anticipation of Holy Week this year. Deacon Bob Ellis, Executive Director and National Coordinator of WAF USA, provided answers.]

Question: This year Holy Saturday falls on a First Saturday. No Masses are allowed on Holy Saturday except the Easter Vigil Mass, which is technically a Sunday Mass. I assume that I must cancel, rather than reschedule, my parish's First Saturday Mass for that month (and that no one can be faulted for not attending a First Saturday Mass when the Church herself doesn't provide the possibility).

Deacon Ellis: Participation in the Mass is not a requirement of the practice of the devotion, simply reception of Holy Communion which can be received outside Mass. Devotees could receive during the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday

evening with a disposition of mind and heart that this reception is intended to fulfill the requirement of the Communion of Reparation. Cancel would be the correct term.

Question: When Our Lady established the First Saturday request, there were no vigil Masses in the Church. Now, most every parish has a Mass on Saturday evenings. Does attendance at the anticipatory Mass fulfill Our Lady's request, or must we also have a Saturday morning Mass?

Deacon Ellis: When Sister Lucia asked Jesus about those who could not attend Mass on Saturday, He responded: "The practice of this devotion will be equally acceptable on the Sunday following the first Saturday..."

If Mass is not available on a First Saturday [morning], one could not attend

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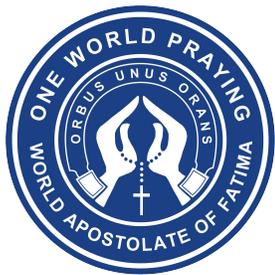
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Mass. The practice of the devotion [on Saturday evening or Sunday] in such circumstances is "equally acceptable."

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