

# APPARITIONS OF THE ANGEL OF PORTUGAL

## ***First Apparition of the Angel***

“Then we saw coming towards us... As it drew closer, we were able to distinguish its features. It was a young man, about fourteen or fifteen years old, whiter than snow, transparent as crystal when the sun shines through it, and of great beauty. On reaching us he said:

'Do not be afraid. I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me.'

“Kneeling on the ground, he bowed down until his forehead touched the ground, and made us repeat these words three times<sup>1</sup>: 'My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You. I ask pardon of You for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You.'

“Then, arising,<sup>2</sup> he said: 'Pray thus. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications.'

“Then he disappeared.”

## ***Second Apparition of the Angel***

“ 'What are you doing?' he asked. 'Pray! Pray very much! The most holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High.'

“How are we to make sacrifices?” I asked.

“ '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. You will thus draw down peace upon your country. I am its Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and bear with submission, the suffering which the Lord will send you.' “

## ***Third Apparition of the Angel***

“As soon as we arrived there, we knelt down, with our foreheads touching the ground, and began to repeat the prayer of the angel: 'My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You...' I don't know how many times we had repeated this prayer, when an extraordinary light shone upon us. We sprang up to see what was happening, 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. Leaving the chalice suspended in the air, the Angel knelt down beside us and made us repeat three times: 'Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended. And, through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners.'

“Then, rising, he took the chalice and the Host in his hands. He gave the Sacred Host to me, and shared the Blood from the chalice between Jacinta and Francisco, saying as he did so: 'Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men! Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.'

“Once again, he prostrated on the ground and repeated with us, three times more, the same prayer 'Most Holy Trinity...' and then disappeared.” (*Fatima In Lucia's Own Words pp. 62-62, 155-156*)

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1 Alternate: Kneeling... touched the earth. Led by a supernatural impulse, we did the same, and repeated the words which we heard him say... p.156

2 Alternate: Having repeated these words three times, he rose and said... p. 156

# APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY

**May 13, 1917**

The three seers were playing at the Cova so Iria when they saw two flashes like lightning, after which they saw the Mother of God above the holm oak. She was, according to the description of Lucia, “a Lady dressed all in white, more brilliant than the sun, shedding a light that was clearer and more intense than that of a crystal goblet filled with crystalline water and struck by the rays of the most brilliant sun.” Her face, indescribably beautiful, was “neither sad nor happy, but serious,” with an air of mild reproach. Her hands, joined together as if she were praying were resting at her breast and pointing upward. A rosary hung from her right hand. Her clothes seemed to be made of light. The tunic was white. The veil was white and edged with gold. It covered the head of the Virgin and descended to her feet. Neither her hair nor her ears could be seen. Lucia could never describe her features, for it was impossible for her to fix her gaze on the dazzling heavenly face. The seers were so close to Our Lady – about a yard and a half away – that they stood within the light that radiated from and enveloped her. (*Prophecies* p. 40)

Our Lady: Do not be afraid. I will do you no harm.

Lucia: Where are you from?

Our Lady: I am from Heaven.

Lucia: What do you want of me?

Our Lady: I have come to ask you to come here for six months in succession, on the thirteenth of day, at this same hour. Later on, I will tell you who I am and what I want. Afterwards, I will return here yet a seventh time.

Lucia: Shall I go to heaven too?

Our Lady: Yes, you will.

Lucia: And Jacinta?

Our Lady: She will go also.

Lucia: And Francisco?

Our Lady: He will go there too, but he must say many Rosaries.

Lucia: Is Maria das Neves in heaven?

Our Lady: Yes, she is.

Lucia: And Amélia?

Our Lady: She will be in purgatory until the end of the world. Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?

Lucia: Yes, we are willing.

Our Lady: Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.

“As she pronounced these last words 'the grace of God will be your comfort', Our Lady opened her hands for the first time, communicating to us a light so intense that, as it streamed from her hands, its rays penetrated our heart and the innermost depths of our souls, making us see ourselves in God, Who was the light, more clearly than we see ourselves in the best of mirrors. Then, moved by an interior impulse that

was also communicated to us, we fell on our knees, repeating in our hearts: 'O most Holy Trinity, I adore you! My God, my God, I love you in the most Blessed Sacrament!' “

Our Lady: Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world, and the end of the war.

“Then she began to rise serenely, going up towards the east, until she disappeared in the immensity of space.” (*Fatima In Lucia's Own Words* pp. 67, 159-161)

### **June 13, 1917**

Preceding the second apparition, the seers once again saw a great brilliance, which they called lightning, but rather was the glare of the approaching light. Some of the approximately fifty spectators who had come to the place noticed that the light of the sun became dimmer during the first few minutes of the conversation. Others said that the top of the budding holm oak bent down, as if under the weight of something, a moment before Lucia spoke. During Our Lady's conversation with the seers, some of the bystanders heard a whispering like the humming of a bee. (*Prophecies* p. 44)

Lucia: What do you want of me?

Our Lady: I wish you to come here on the thirteenth of next month, to pray the Rosary every day, and to learn to read. Later, I will tell you what I want. (Lucia asked for the cure of a sick person)

If he is converted, he will be cured during the year.

Lucia: I would like to ask you to take us to heaven.

Our Lady: Yes. I will take Jacinta and Francisco soon. But you are to stay here for some time longer. Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and these souls will be loved by God, like flowers placed by me to adorn His throne.

Lucia: Am I to stay here alone?

Our Lady: No, my daughter. Are you suffering a great deal? Don't lose heart. I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.

“As Our Lady spoke these last words, she opened her hands and for the second time, she communicated to us the rays of that same immense light. We saw ourselves in this light, as it were, immersed in God. Jacinta and Francisco seemed to be in that part of the light which rose towards heaven, and I in that which was poured out on the earth. In front of the palm of Our Lady's right hand was a heart encircled by thorns which pierced it. We understood that this was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, outraged by the sins of humanity, and seeking reparation. (*Fatima In Lucia's Own Words* pp. 69, 163-165, 191)

When this vision ceased, the Lady, still surrounded by the light that she radiated, rose from the little tree and glided toward the east until she disappeared completely. Several persons who were closer noticed that the buds at the top of the holm oak were bent in the same direction, as if they had been drawn by the Lady's clothes. They returned to their usual position only some hours later. (*Prophecies* p. 48-49)

### **July 13, 1917**

Mr. Marto, father of Jacinta and Francisco, says that when the third apparition began, a little grayish cloud hovered over the holm oak, the sunlight became dimmer, and a cool breeze blew over the mountain range, even though it was the height of summer. He also heard something that sounded like flies inside an empty jug. The seers saw the customary glare, and, immediately afterward, they saw Our Lady over the holm oak.

Lucia: What do you want of me?

Our Lady: I want you to come here on the thirteenth of next month, to continue to pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only she can help you.

Lucia: I would like to ask you to tell us who you are, and to work a miracle so that everybody will believe that you are appearing to us.

Our Lady: Continue to come here every month. In October, I will tell you who I am and what I want, and I will perform a miracle for all to see and believe.

"I then made some requests, but I cannot recall now just what they were. What I do remember is that Our Lady said it was necessary for such people to pray the Rosary in order to obtain these graces during the year. And she continued:

Our Lady: Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: 'O Jesus, it is for love You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'

"As Our Lady spoke these last words, she opened her hands once more, as she had done during the two precious months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke now falling back on every side like sparks in a huge fire, without weight or equilibrium, and amid shrieks and groans with fear. The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals all black and transparent. Terrified and as if to plead for succor, we looked up at Our Lady, who said to us, so kindly and so sadly:

Our Lady: 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, may souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the pontificate of Pius IX. When you see a light illuminated 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 the Holy Father.

To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of reparation of the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved.

"at the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendor that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: 'Penance, Penance, Penance!'. And we saw in an immense light that is God: 'something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it' a Bishop dressed in White 'we had the impression that it was the Holy Father'. Other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn

trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark; before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way; having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersorium in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.” (*Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith - The Message of Fatima*)

Our Lady: Do not tell this to anybody. Francisco, yes, you may tell him.

When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery: 'O my Jesus, forgive us, save us from the fire of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need.'

Lucia: Is there anything more that you want of me?

Our Lady: No, I do not want anything more of you today.

“Then, as before Our Lady began to ascend towards the east, until she finally disappeared in the immense distance of the firmament.” (*Fatima In Lucia's Own Words* pp. 108, 165-169)

### **August 15, 1917**

Lucia: What do you want of me?

Our Lady: I want you to continue going to the Cova da Iria on the thirteenth, and to continue praying the Rosary every day. In the last month, I will perform a miracle so that all may believe.

Lucia: What do you want done with the money that the people leave in the Cova da Iria?

Our Lady: Have two litters made. One is to be carried by you and Jacinta and two other girls dressed in white; the other one is to be carried by Francisco and three other boys. The money from the litters is for the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, and what is left over will help towards the construction of a chapel that is to be built here.

Lucia: I would like to ask you to cure some sick persons.

Our Lady: Yes, I will cure some of them during the year.

“Then looking very sad, Our Lady said:”

Our Lady: Pray, pray very much, and make sacrifices for sinners; for many souls go to hell, because there are none to sacrifice themselves and to pray for them.

“And she began to ascend as usual towards the east.” (*Fatima In Lucia's Own Words* pp. 108, 169-171)

### **September 13, 1917**

A crowd estimated at twenty thousand observed atmospheric phenomena similar to those of the previous apparitions: the sudden cooling of the air, a dimming of the sun to the point where the stars could be seen, and rain resembling iridescent petals or snowflakes that disappeared before touching the ground. This time, a luminous globe was noticed which moved slowly and majestically through the sky from east to west and, at the end of the apparition, in the opposite direction. The seers saw a light, and, immediately following this, they saw Our Lady over the holm oak. (*Prophecies* p. 61)

Our Lady: 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 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.

Lucia: I was told to ask you many things, the cure of some sick people, of a deaf-mute..."

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

"Then Our Lady began to rise as usual, and disappeared." (*Fatima In Lucia's Own Words* pp. 79, 172)

### **October 13, 1917**

Lucia: What do you want of me?

Our Lady: I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end, and the soldiers will soon return to their homes.

Lucia: I have many things to ask you: the cure of some sick persons, the conversion of sinners, and other things...

Our Lady: Some yes, but not others. They must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins.

"Looking very sad, Our Lady said:"

Our Lady: Do not offend the Lord our God any more, because He is already so much offended.

"Then opening her hands, she made them reflect on the sun itself."

Lucia: Look at the sun! (*Fatima In Lucia's Own Words* pp. 82, 172-173)

Once Our Lady had disappeared in the expanse of the firmament, three scenes followed in succession, symbolizing first the joyful mysteries of the Rosary, the the sorrowful mysteries, and, finally, the glorious mysteries. Lucia alone saw the three scenes; Francisco and Jacinta saw only the first.

*First Scene:* Saint Joseph appeared beside the sun with the Child Jesus and Our Lady of the Rosary. It was the Holy Family. The Virgin was dressed in white, and the Child Jesus in light red. Saint Joseph blessed the crowd, making the Sign of the Cross three times. The Child Jesus did the same.

*Second Scene:* This was followed by the vision of Our Lady of Sorrows, without the sword in her breast, and of Our Lord overwhelmed with sorrow on the way to Calvary. Our Lord made the Sign of the Cross to bless the people. Lucia could only see the upper part of Our Lord's body.

*Third Scene:* Finally, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, crowned queen of heaven and earth, appeared in a glorious vision with the Child Jesus in her bosom.

While the scenes took place, the great throng of about seventy thousand spectators witnessed the miracle of the sun.

It had rained all during the apparition. At the end of the conversation between Our Lady and Lucia – when the Blessed Virgin rose and Lucia shouted, "Look at the sun!" – the clouds opened up, revealing the sun as an immense silver disk. It shone with an intensity never before seen, but it did not blind. This lasted only an instant. The the immense ball began to "dance." The sun began to spin rapidly like a gigantic circle of fire. Then it stopped momentarily, only to begin spinning vertiginously again. Its rim became scarlet; whirling, it scattered red flames across the sky. Their light was reflected on the ground, on the trees, on the bushes, and on the very faces and clothing of the people, which took on brilliant hues and changing colors.

After performing the bizarre pattern three times, the globe of fire seemed to tremble, shake, and then plunge in a zigzag toward the terrified crowd.

All this lasted about ten minutes. Finally, the sun zigzagged back to its original place and once again became still and brilliant, shining with its everyday brightness. (*Prophecies* p. 63)

# JACINTA'S VISIONS

## ***The Holy Father***

“One day we spent our siesta down by my parents' well. Jacinta sat on the stone slabs on top of the well. Francisco and I climbed up a steep bank in search of wild honey among the brambles in a nearby thicket. After a while, Jacinta called out to me:

'Didn't you see the Holy Father?'

'No.'

'I don't know how it was, but I saw the Holy Father in a very big house, kneeling by a table, with his head buried in his hands, and he was weeping. Outside the house, there were many people. Some of them were throwing stones, others were cursing him and using bad language. Poor Holy Father, we must pray very much for him.

“At another time, we went to the cave called Lapa do Cabeço. As soon as we got there, we prostrated on the ground, saying the prayers the Angel had taught us. After some time, Jacinta stood up and called to me: 'Can't you see all those highways and roads and fields full of people, who are crying with hunger and have nothing to eat? And the Holy Father in a church praying before the Immaculate Heart of Mary? And so many people praying with him?' “

## ***Jacinta's Visions of War***

“One day, I went to Jacinta's house to spend a little time with her. I found her sitting on her bed, deep in thought.

'Jacinta, what are you thinking about?'

'About the war that is coming. So many people are going to die, and almost all of them are going to hell! Many homes will be destroyed, and many priests will be killed. Look, I am going to heaven, and as for you when you see the light which the Lady told us would come one night before the war, you run up there too.'

“ (Fatima In Lucia's Own Words p. 65-66)

## ***On War***

“Our Lady said that there is much war and dissension in the world.”

“Wars are nothing but punishments for the sins of the world.”

“Our Lady can no longer hold back the arm of her beloved Son from the world. It is necessary to do penance. If people change their ways, Our Lord will still avail the world; but if they do not, the chastisement will come.”

“Our Lord is profoundly indignant at the sins and crimes that are committed in Portugal. For this reason, a terrible social cataclysm threatens our country, particularly the city of Lisbon. It seems that a civil war of anarchic or communist character will break out, accompanied by sackings, assassinations, fires, and devastations of all kinds. The capital will be changed into a veritable image of hell. When Divine Justice, outraged, inflicts so frightful a punishment, all who can should flee from this city. This punishment now predicted should be announced gradually and with due discretion. (See De Marchi, 255; Walsh, 160-161.)

“If men do not change their ways, Our Lady will send the world a punishment the like of which has never been seen. It will fall first... upon Spain.” (See De Marchi, 92.)

Jacinta also spoke of “great world events that would take place around 1940.” (See De Marchi, 92.)

### ***On Priests and Rulers***

“My godmother, pray much for sinners! Pray much for priests! Pray much for religious! Priests should only occupy themselves with the affairs of the Church. Priests should be pure, very pure. The disobedience of priests and religious to the superiors and the the Holy Father greatly offends Our Lord.”

“My godmother, pray much for those who govern! Woe to those who persecute the religion of Our Lord! If the government left the Church in peace and gave freedom to the holy Faith, it would be blessed by God. [The reader must bear in mind that with the anti-clerical revolution of 1910, the separation of Church and state was decreed, Church property was confiscated, religious congregations were dissolved, and the use of religious garb was forbidden. It was also stipulated that “ministers of religion enjoy no privileges.” - John R. Spann] (See De Marchi, 255-256; Walsh 161.)

### ***On Sin***

“The sins that lead more souls to hell are the sins of the flesh.”

“Fashions that will greatly offend Our Lord will appear. People who follow God should not follow fashions. The Church has no fashions. Our Lord was always the same.

“The sins of the world are very great.”

“If men knew what eternity is, they would do everything to change their lives.”

“Men are lost because they do not think of the death of Our Lord and do not do penance.”

“Many marriages are not good; they do not please Our Lord, and they are not of God.”

### ***On Christian Virtue***

“My godmother, do not walk in the midst of luxury. Flee from riches. Be very fond of holy poverty and silence.”

“Have much charity even for those who are bad. Speak ill of no one and flee from those who do so. Be very patient, for patience leads us to heaven. Mortification and sacrifices greatly please Our Lord.”

“Confession is a sacrament of mercy. Therefore, one must approach the confessional with confidence and joy. Without confession there is no salvation.”

“The Mother of God wants more virgin souls who bind themselves to her by the vow of chastity.”

“To be a woman religious, it is necessary to be very pure in soul and body... To be pure in body is to keep chastity. To be pure in soul is not to commit sins, not to look at what one should not see, not to steal, never to lie, always to tell the truth however hard that may be.”

“Those who do not keep the promises they make to Our Lady will never succeed in their affairs.”

“Doctors do not have the light to cure the sick properly because the do not have love of God.”

“Our Lady does not want people to talk in church.” (See De Marchi, 252; Walsh, 160.)

# OUR LADY'S REQUEST FOR THE COMMUNION OF REPARATION ON THE FIRST SATURDAYS.

On December 17, 1927, she [Sr. Lucia] went before the tabernacle to ask Jesus how she should comply with what had been asked of her, that is, to say if the origin of the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was included in the Secret that the most holy Virgin had confided to her.

Jesus made her hear very distinctly these words: "My daughter, write what they ask of you. Write also all that the most holy Virgin revealed to you in the Apparition, in which she spoke of this devotion. As for the remainder of the Secret, continue to keep silence."

What was confided on this subject in 1917, is as follows:

She asked for them to be taken to heaven, and the most holy Virgin answered: "Yes. I will take Jacinta and Francisco soon. But you are to stay here for some time longer. Jesus wishes to make use of you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. I promise salvation to those who embrace it, and these souls will be loved by God, like flowers placed by me to adorn His throne."

"Am I to stay here all alone?" she asked, sadly.

"No, daughter. I shall never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

On December 10, 1925, the most holy Virgin appeared to her, and by her side, elevated on a luminous cloud, was a child. The most holy Virgin rested her hand on her shoulder, and as she did so, she showed her a heart encircled by thorns, which she was holding in her other hand. At the same time the Child said:

"Have compassion on the Heart of you 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."

Then the Virgin added:

"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 say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with 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."

On February 15, 1926, the Infant Jesus appeared to her again. He asked her if she had already spread the devotion to His most holy Mother. She told him of the confessor's difficulties, and said that Mother Superior was prepared to propagate it, but that the confessor had said that she, alone, could do nothing.

Jesus replied:

"It is true that your Superior alone can do nothing, but with my grace, she can do all."

She placed before Jesus the difficulty that some people had about confessing on Saturday, and asked that it might be valid to go to confession within eight days. Jesus answered:

"Yes, and it could be longer still, provided that, when they receive Me, they are in the state of grace and have the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

She then asked:

“My Jesus, what about those who forget to make this intention?”

Jesus replied:

“They can do so at their next confession, taking advantage of the first opportunity to go to confession.”  
(*Fatima In Lucia's Own Words* pp. 191-192)

# THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

## *Vision and Message of June 13, 1929*

“I had sought and obtained permission from my superiors and confessor to make a Holy Hour from eleven o'clock to midnight, every Thursday to Friday night. Being alone on night, I knelt near the altar rails in the middle of the chapel and, prostrate, I prayed the prayers of the Angel. Feeling tired, I then stood up and continued to say the prayers with my arms in the form of a cross. The only light was that of the sanctuary lamp. Suddenly the whole chapel was illuminated by a supernatural light, and above the altar appeared a cross of light, reaching to the ceiling. In a brighter light on the upper part of the cross, could be seen the face of a man and his body as far as the waist; upon his breast was a dove of light; nailed to the cross was the body of another man. A little below the waist, I could see a chalice and a large host suspended in the air, on to which drops of blood were falling from the face of Jesus Crucified and from the wound in his side. These drops ran down on to the host and fell into the chalice. Beneath the right arm of the cross was Our Lady and in her hand was the Immaculate Heart. (It was Our Lady of Fatima, with her Immaculate Heart in her left hand, without sword or roses, but with the crown of thorns and flames). Under the left arm of the cross, large letters, as if of crystal clear water which ran down upon the altar, formed these words: 'Grace and Mercy' “

“I understood that it was the Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity which was shown to me, and I received light about this mystery which I am not permitted to reveal.”

“Our Lady then said to me:

' The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father, in union with all the Bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means. There are so many souls whom the Justice of God condemns for sins committed against me, that I have come to ask reparation: sacrifice yourself for this intention and pray.' “

“I gave an account of this to the confessor, who ordered me to write down what Our Lady wanted done.”  
(*Fatima In Lucia's Own Words* pp. 198-199)

In a letter to her confessor Father José Bernardo Gonçalves, S.J., dated May 29, 1930, Sister Lucia says:

“If I am not mistaken, the good Lord promises to put an end to the persecution in Russia if the Holy Father deigns to make a solemn and public act of reparation and consecration of Russia to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and orders all the bishops of the Catholic world to do the same. The Holy Father must also promise to approve and recommend the reparative devotion already indicated in return for the cease of this persecution.” (*Prophecies* p. 83)

Later, through another interior communication, Our Lord complained to Sister Lucia that the consecration of Russia had not been made: (*Prophecies* p. 83)

'They did not wish to heed my request. Like the King of France,\*\* they will repent and do it, but it will be late. Russia will have already spread her errors throughout the world, provoking wars, and persecutions of

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\*\* This is an allusion to the promise Our Lord made to Louis XIV through Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. Our Lord promised to give the king a life of grace and eternal glory, as well as victory over his enemies, if he would consecrate himself to the Sacred Heart, let It reign in his palace, paint It on his banners, and have It engraved on his coat of arms.

In 1792, after Louis XVI had been imprisoned in the Tower of the Temple, this request had still not been heeded. The king then made the vow to consecrate himself, his family, and his kingdom to the Sacred Heart of Jesus if he regained his freedom, the crown, and royal power, It was too late; the king left prison only for his execution. (*Prophecies* - footnote p. 83)

the Church; the Holy Father will have much to suffer.' ” (*Fatima In Lucia's Own Words* pp. 199)

In a letter dated May 18, 1936 to Father José Bernardo Gonçalves, S.J., Sister Lucia stated:

“I have spoken to Our Lord inwardly about the subject, and not too long ago I asked Him why He would not convert Russia without the Holy Father making that consecration.

'Because I want my whole Church to acknowledge that consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so as to subsequently extend the devotion to it and place it alongside the devotion to My Sacred Heart.'

“But my God, the Holy Father will not believe me, unless You move him with a special inspiration.”

'The Holy Father! Pray very much for the Holy Father! He will do it, but it will be late. Nevertheless, the Immaculate Heart of Mary will save Russia, who has been entrusted to it.' “

### **The Consecration of the World to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

On December 2, 1940, Sister Lucia wrote to Pope Pius XII:

“In 1929, during another apparition, Our Lady asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart, promising its conversion and to prevent the propagation of its errors by this means... In several interior communications, Our Lord has not ceased to insist on this request, promising recently to shorten the days of tribulation with which he has determined to punish the nations for their crimes – through war, famine, and persecutions of Holy Church and Your Holiness – if Your Holiness deigns to consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with special mention of Russia, and orders all the bishops of the world to do the same simultaneously in union with Your Holiness.”

In a radio message on October 31, 1942, Pius XII consecrated the Church and the human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In 1952, Pius XII consecrated the peoples of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in an apostolic letter. (*Prophecies* p. 87-88)

On March 25, 1984, John Paul II, in spiritual union with the Bishops of the world, who had been “convoked” beforehand, entrusted all individuals and nations which “particularly need to be thus entrusted and consecrated”. Russia is never specifically mentioned, however, Sister Lucia personally confirmed that this solemn and universal act of consecration corresponded to what Our Lady wished (“*Sim, está feita, tal como Nossa Senhora a pediu, desde o dia 25 de Março de 1984*”: “Yes it has been done just as Our Lady asked, on 25 March 1984”: Letter of 8 November 1989). Hence any further discussion or request is without basis. ( cf. *The Message of Fatima*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith)

# THE SECRET OF FATIMA

## *First Secret of Fatima*

“Well, the secret is made up of three distinct parts, two of which I am now going to reveal.

“The first part is the vision of hell.

“Our Lady showed us a great sea of fire which seemed to be under the earth. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke now falling back on every side like sparks in a huge fire, without weight or equilibrium, and amid shrieks and groans with fear. The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals all black and transparent. This vision lasted but an instant. How can we ever be grateful enough to our kind heavenly Mother, who had already prepared us by promising, in the first Apparition, to take us to heaven. Otherwise, I think we would have died of fear and terror.

## *Second Secret of Fatima*

“When we 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; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the pontificate of Pius IX. When you see a light illuminated 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 the Holy Father.

'To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, and the Communion of reparation of the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.'” (*Fatima In Lucia's Own Words* p. 108, 166-167)

## *Third Secret of Fatima*

“After the two parts which I have already explained, at the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendor that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: ‘Penance, Penance, Penance!’. And we saw in an immense light that is God: ‘something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it’ a Bishop dressed in White ‘we had the impression that it was the Holy Father’. Other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark; before reaching there the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way; having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay

people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersorium in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.” (*Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith - The Message of Fatima*)

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