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What Does Fatima Ask of Us?

by Peachy Maramba

From the Six Appearances of the Blessed Mother:

May 13, 1917: Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war.

June 13, 1917: Our Blessed Mother taught the children the following

FATIMA PRAYER

Oh, my Jesus
Forgive us our sins
Save us from the Fires of Hell
And lead all souls to Heaven.
especially those in most need
of thy MERCY!

They were to add this prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary.

October 13, 1917: Our Lady announced, “I am the Lady of the Rosary. People must amend their lives, ask forgiveness for their sins and not offend Our Lord anymore for He is already much offended.”

From the 3 Appearances to Lucia

December 10, 1925: On the first Saturday of 5 consecutive months, go to confession, Receive Holy Communion, Recite the Rosary, Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary.

What the angel of Peace tells us to do:

Spring 1916: While Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco were in a cave near their fields, an angel came near them and said, “Fear not! I am the Angel of Peace...”

“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee.

I ask pardon for all those who do not believe in Thee, do not adore Thee, do not hope in Thee, do not love Thee.”

Summer 1916

“Pray, pray a great deal! Offer unceasingly prayers and sacrifices to the Lord in an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners.

Invoke peace upon your country.

Above all, accept and bear with submission the sufferings that the Lord may send you.”
For with your suffering you take part in the work of salvation just as Christ saved you by His suffering on the Cross.

Autumn 1916:

“Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ horribly outraged by ungrateful men; make reparation for their crimes and console your God.”

Pope Benedict XVI tells us:

Persevere in the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary shown daily by the recitation of the Rosary.

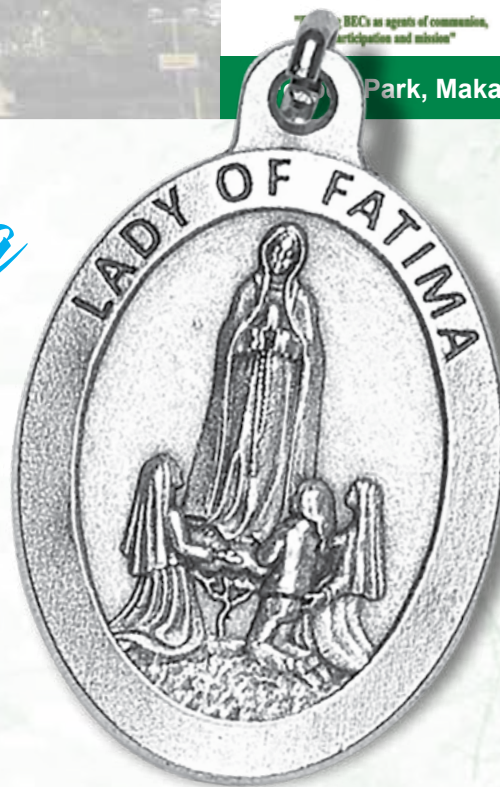
Follow the Gospel – put into Practice the word of God as the Gospel says.

Imitate Mary’s generosity and courage.

“Present our bodies to Jesus: our hands - to caress the little ones and the poor; our feet - to draw near to our brothers and sisters; our arms - to shore up the weak and to work in the Lord’s vineyard; our minds - to think and plan in the light of the Gospel; our hearts - to love and make decisions in accordance with God’s will.”

What Pietro Cardinal Parolin, DD tells us:

“Let us persevere in PRAYER. Prayer is never useless. Sooner or later it will bear fruit. Prayer is capital in the hands of God. He turns it to great account in His own times and ways, which are very different from our own.”



Whenever we Hear the word of God and put it into practice we become like Mary saying “Yes” to God.

Let us join our voices to that of the Virgin Mary: “My soul magnifies the Lord... for He has looked with favor on the lowliness of His servant... His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.”

Do you choose Heaven or Hell? If you choose Heaven you must live a heavenly life here on earth.

Do you wish to offer your life – your daily life to God? Then you need to follow Mary’s Message of Peace given in Fatima.

You need to:

REPENT

PRAY

DO PENANCE and REPARATION

BE CONVERTED

CONSECRATE the WORLD and RUSSIA too
to the IMMACULATE HEART of MARY

Tarcisio Cardinal Betone, SDB, reminds us that Our Lady who appeared at Fatima said, “Man’s future is in God and we are active and responsible partners in creating that future.”

May the Lady of Fatima ever be with us!

100th Anniversary (Centenary) of the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima

It is with great thanks to my dear friend Amelita Guevara who not only lent but also gave me her book ***Boletin Eclesiastico de Filipinas – FATIMA 100*** that she in turn timely received from our mutual friend Letty Syquia.

The book which compiled the writings of Popes, Cardinals and Bishops and about Fatima is in commemoration of the centennial of the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima (1917-2017)

Because the book was so well written, allow me to quote liberally from it.

Today everywhere one turns one sees that word Fatima that we may well ask ourselves...

WHAT IS FATIMA?

(If you read my article in the Parish Bulletin dated sometime May of this year, I wrote extensively on the message, mystery and wonder of Fatima).

Pope Benedict XVI tells us in his speech on May 13, 2010 that... **FATIMA** is the “home from which Mary chose to speak to us in modern times. It is where the Lady came from Heaven to make her first visit.”

FATIMA is where a hundred years ago starting on May 13, 1917 to be exact and on the 13th day of the following five months the Blessed Mother Mary appeared to three humble shepherd children. They were then ten-year old Lucia dos Santos and her cousins seven-year old Francisco and his big sister nine-year old Jacinta Marto. They were chosen by God to bring Blessed Mary’s message of peace to the world.

Fatima at that time was just a poor bleak village in central Portugal.

FATIMA is the Mantle of Light that God had given Our Lady to dwell within us and to protect us. The chosen children were surrounded by this Mantle of Light as it radiated from Our Lady. **FATIMA** is where Our Lady was able to get her “message of peace” out to the whole world through the simplicity and holiness of these children.

In **FATIMA** the messenger was not just an angel but the Mother of God herself.

Catholics reverence Holy Mary under several titles one of which is **Our Lady of Fatima**.

FATIMA is the Shrine that commemorates the six apparitions of our Lady to the children. It is what put Fatima on the map.

FATIMA is a place of adoration which we enter as pilgrims of Faith. As such we see



the three little shepherds of Fatima who saw Jesus and Mary.

Today **FATIMA** is a world famous pilgrimage site. Be sure to go there this year if you can.

WHY FATIMA?

A Selfie Generation

After the Second World War Pope Pius XII said, “The world has lost its sense of sin. We take sin for granted. We do not anymore admit our faults, so we don’t anymore repent.”

There has been an **Eclipse of God!**

We are not just a selfie generation but also a **selfish generation** whose theme song is “me... me... me.”

We do not consider anymore God who is replaced by the “self” and by the many “idols” that we worship. Even if we admit our guilt (sometimes even boast about it) we do it without a tinge of repentance.

NEED FOR FATIMA

“It is because SIN has made itself so firmly at home in the world and DENIAL of GOD has become so widespread in the ideologies, ideas and plans of human beings that the

Blessed Mother decided to help her Son in His important work of Salvation.”

Truly the greatest obstacle to man’s journey to God is **SIN, perseverance in sin** and finally **denial of God**. This leads to **rejection of God by man**.

Tragically man’s rejection of God leads logically to God’s rejection of man – to **damnation**. We saw this in the 20th century which was one of the most crucial in human history with its tragic and cruel events culminating in the assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II.

So Blessed Mother Mary’s insistent invitation in her message of peace for us today “to do penance and conversion” at the start of the 20th century remains a timely one. It is as if Our Lady read the “signs of the times” with special insight, says Pope John Paul II.

Angelo Cardinal Sodano explains that the vision of Fatima is above all concerned with the **war waged by atheistic systems** against the Church and Christians. It is an **interminable VIA CRUCIS or WAY of the CROSS** led by Popes of the 20th century.

For all these reasons Blessed Mary came to Fatima.

100th Anniversary (Centenary) of the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima



Jubilee Year of Fatima Indulgence

November 27, 2016 – November 26, 2017

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence opportunity for the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions throughout the centennial year, from the 27th of November 2016 till the 26th of November 2017.

There are three ways to obtain the indulgence, detailed in a statement from the Fatima Shrine in Portugal (see below). To obtain the plenary indulgence, the faithful must also fulfill the ordinary conditions: go to Confession and Communion, be interiorly detached from sin, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.

1. Make a pilgrimage to the shrine.

To the faithful who make a pilgrimage to the Fatima Shrine in Portugal and participate in a celebration of prayer dedicated to the Virgin. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke the Mother of God.

2. Pray before any statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

To the faithful who visit with devotion a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly

exposed for public veneration in any church, oratory or proper place during the days of the anniversary of the apparitions, the 13th of each month from May to October 2017, and there devoutly participate in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary. In addition, the faithful must pray the Our Father, recite the Creed and invoke Our Lady of Fatima.

3. The elderly and infirm.

To the faithful who, because of age, illness or other serious cause, are unable to get around, may pray in front of a statue of Our Lady of Fatima and must spiritually unite themselves to the jubilee celebrations on the days of the apparitions, the 13th of each month, between May and October 2017. They must also “offer to merciful God with confidence, through Mary, their prayers and sufferings or the sacrifices they make in their own lives.”

Read the source: <https://www.buffalodiocese.org/jubilee-year-of-fatima-indulgence>

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WHAT IS THE MESSAGE of FATIMA?

Path to Salvation

The Secret of Fatima

by Peachy Maramba

The message of Fatima is in the form of a SECRET in three distinct parts.

The first part is the VISION of HELL

The second Part is the CONSECRATION of RUSSIA to the IMMACULATE HEART of MARY

The third part is a PROPHETIC VISION

The visions speak of dangers and how we might be saved from them.

FIRST PART: THE VISION OF HELL

For one terrible moment the children were given a **vision of hell**. They saw the fall of the souls of poor sinners.

Our Lady showed them “a **great sea of fire** which seemed to be under the earth. Plunged in this fire were **demons and souls** in human form. . . amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair. The demons looked like frightful and unknown animals black and transparent.”

The vision lasted but an instant but horrified them and made them tremble with fear and terror. It was shown them “**in order to save souls**” to “**show the way to salvation**.”

So on May 13, 1917 Blessed Mother Mary came to Fatima to give her message of peace to three shepherd children.

On May 13, 1967 Pope Paul VI gave us an encapsulated version of Mary's Message: **Repent and believe in the Gospel** (Mk 1:15)

Prayer, Penance, Repentance, Conversion, Consecration.

The message of Fatima in its basic nucleus is a **call to conversion and repentance** as in the Gospel.

REPENTANCE

According to Pope St. John Paul II “First and foremost is the **admission of one's guilt** and then **repentance** or being rifices for sinners. For many souls go to Hell because there is no one to pray for the sinners.

PENANCE

Then we do penance and make reparation. “Penance means to fulfill the commandment of God, to do good, to fulfill the duties of our state in life.”

CONVERSION

After we have admitted our guilt and repented and done penance we should strive for the better by amending and changing our life. This is the meaning of conversion.

The three shepherd children at Fatima were taught this prayer: “Oh my Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners and in

reparation for all wrongs done to the Immaculate Heart of Mary that I sacrifice myself.”

CONSECRATION

In Baptism we were consecrated... that is made for God by offering ourselves wholeheartedly to Him.

But since then the menace of evil has so easily taken root in the heart of the people. So for one terrible moment the children of Fatima were given that vision of the Fires of Hell to show them what happens to the souls of poor sinners. This was revealed in the **first part** of the secret of Fatima. To save them God wishes to establish in the world the devotion to Blessed Mother's Immaculate Heart.

When Jesus on the Cross said, “Woman behold your Son! (Jn 19:26) in a new way He opened His Mother's Heart – the Immaculate Heart – to the solicitude for the eternal salvation of all.

TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger explains that “in Biblical language the **heart** indicates the center of human life, the point where reason, will, temperament and sensitivity converge. “Yes, God can come to us and show Himself in the eyes of the heart.”

Matthew adds that “**Immaculate Heart**” is a heart which with God's grace, has come to perfect interior unity and therefore **sees God**. Because the Heart of the Mother is aware of this she calls us to accept her motherly help to return beneath the Cross of the Son to a life more in harmony with the Divine Will and to the Gospel teachings.

So therefore to be devoted to the Immaculate Heart of Mary means to embrace the attitude of heart which makes the fiat – **Your Will be done** “the defining center of one's whole life.”

WHY MARY?

From whom might we better learn this than from the Mother of the Lord who came from Heaven offering to implant in the hearts of all those who trust in her the Love of God burning in her own heart.

Pope Francis tells us that “No other creature basked in the light of God's face as did Mary. She in turn gave a human face to the Son of the eternal Father.” She is a teacher of the spiritual life, the first to follow Jesus on the “narrow way of the cross.”

Pope Pius XII adds... “When Mary interposes her powerful protection the gates of Hell cannot prevail.”

SECOND PART: CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Our Lady warns us that if people do not cease offending God, a worse war will break out. To prevent this she shall ask for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart.

visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima

If her requests are heeded Russia will be converted and there will be peace.

If not, Russia will spread her errors throughout the world causing war and persecution of the Church... and various nations will be annihilated.

Trust! In the end, love and peace will triumph because God's mercy is stronger than the power of evil. What seems impossible to men is possible to God. What will win the war is a heart – the Heart of the Mother.

In June 1929 – Our Lady requested the Consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart.

In 1942 Pope Pius XII did this.

In 1984 Pope John Paul II consecrated “the World including Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.” Seven years later the Soviet empire astonishingly collapsed!

Following the successive events of 1989 the Soviet Union was shattered and a number of Eastern European countries which promoted atheism fell.

THE THIRD PART: A PROPHETIC VISION

After the two parts describing the terrible sufferings of the victims of the Faith in the 20th century the world is shown the future where humans appear as in a mirror dimly:

In symbolic language we see at the left of Our Lady an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand representing the **threat of judgment** which looms over the world. 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!** (the key word in this third part).

Then we saw a **BISHOP** dressed in white (presumably the Pope). There were other religious as well, going up a steep mountain at the top of which was a **big Cross** of rough-hewn trunks of a cork

tree with the bark (While it stands as a sign of history's misery it is a promise for history.)

Before reaching there the **Bishop** and his group passed through a big city half in ruins (symbolizing the arena of history). Half trembling with halting steps afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the dead he met on his way. (The Church's path is thus described as a **VIA CRUCIS** – as a journey through a time of violence, destruction and persecution).

Having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the base of the big Cross (the goal and guide of history which transforms destruction into salvation), he was killed by soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him. Similarly, the rest of the Bishop's group died one after another. But beneath the two arms of the Cross there were **two angels, each holding a crystal basin**, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs (the witnesses of the Faith decade by decade) and with it sprinkled the Blood of the passion of Christ which ran down from the arms of the Cross on the souls making their way to God. (It is a consoling vision which seeks to open a history of blood and tears to the healing power of God).

Faith and prayer were shown to be the forces that can influence history because in the end “prayer is more powerful than bullets and Faith is more powerful than armies!”

The history of the entire last century – a century of suffering and persecution for the Church, a century of unprecedented forms of cruelty – can be seen in this one image. While distressing at first, it concludes with an image of hope.

In the three parts of the “secret” we see the exhortation to prayer and likewise the summons to penance and conversion as the path to salvation of souls.

“**To save souls**” has emerged as the **key word** of the first and second parts of the secret while the key word of the third part is **PENANCE, PENANCE, PENANCE.**

May all our souls be saved following Blessed Mother's formula for SALVATION!!



Deepening Our Faith, Coming Together Through Our Devotion to Our Lady

by Letty Syquia



Members of the SSAP-Marian Cenacle

2017 is a spiritually remarkable year to Marian groups like the SSAP Marian Cenacle. We celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Apparition of the Blessed Mother in Fatima, Portugal. During such Feasts, Cenacle members attend the prayer meetings dressed in white or blue. Before Mass, each one offers a rose before the Fatima Image which was blessed by Pope Francis in 2015 during his encounter with families at the SMX Arena.

This year, we planned a more meaningful Centennial of the six apparitions. To begin, we organized last April, half-day recollection on our needing Mama Mary's help in our spiritual endeavors. Talks by Fr. Jose Syquia progressed into parish activities that increased until the attendees filled our Church to capacity!

Shortly after, some members like Amelita Guevara, Girlie Sison and Suzette Gatmaitan joined me to meet Fr. Reu Galoy regarding the SSAP Cenacle's plans to celebrated the Fatima Centennial in our Parish, starting with the veneration of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th of each month (May to October). We progressed with more

suggestions, like Parish Bulletin articles about Mary's apparitions and messages. And the reminder for parishioners to avail of Plenary Indulgences gained during Mass and Prayers after Mass. Or even video presentations regarding the apparitions.

Eventually, other ministries joined our Cenacle to expand the Committee project into a Parish event. Clearly the Blessed Mother was leading us! Fr. Reu also talked about making one side of the Church a Marian area with images of the Blessed Mother on the wall. Truly, the commemoration on October 13, 2017 promises to be a much-anticipated celebration, wherein we will remember all the six apparitions. Fr. Reu will lead the blessing and crowning ceremonies after the 6PM Mass.

Although some Cenacle members are active members of other Parishes, we bond every week as a community to pray and celebrate under the mantle of Our Lady of Fatima. WE are grateful to SSAP for embracing us into its ministries. Truly our Parish cares for us while we deepen our devotion to Mama Mary and our Faith.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALENDAR OF MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

8:00AM - Thrift Shop
 4:00PM - CORO, Practice
 9:00AM - CCD Sunday Religion Class

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:00AM - Thrift Shop
 8:00AM - Livelihood Assistance Program at St. Francis Friendship Home
 1:00PM - OFS Formation

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00AM - Thrift Shop
 8:00AM - Livelihood Assistance Program at St. Francis Friendship Home
 9:00AM - CWL FREE Breakfast and Clinic

9:00AM - JPIC Hospital Ministry
 PGH Visitation
 2:00PM - Health Care Ministry
 Dancercise "Open to All Parishioners"
 4:00PM - Marian Cenacle Group Prayer Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00AM - Thrift Shop
 8:00AM - Livelihood Program at St. Francis Friendship Home
 4:00PM - CCD Religion Class

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

8:00AM - Thrift Shop
 8:00AM - Livelihood Program at St. Francis Friendship Home
 2:00PM - Health Care Ministry
 Dancercise "Open to All Parishioners"

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00AM - Thrift Shop
 8:00AM - Livelihood Assistance Program at St. Francis Friendship Home
 9:00AM - Health Care Ministry
 Visitation at Rizal Medical Center, Pasig City
 7:00PM - Household Help Charismatic Prayer Meeting
 9:00PM - Tig-Awit Choir Practice

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00AM - Thrift Shop
 2:00PM - CWL Scholarship meeting
 4:00PM - VOSA Choir
 4:00PM - LUKE 18 Prayer Meeting

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*Our Lady of
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