



# APOSTLES OF THE ROSARY

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## The Reign of the Sacred Heart in the Family

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The home of homes was Nazareth, and the family of families was the Holy Family, and the reason for both one and the other was this, that Nazareth was the home of the Sacred Heart. Evil stopped at the door of the little house where Jesus and Mary and Joseph lived; from it all unkindness and bitterness were banished; over its lintel was written, invisibly but unmistakably, a welcome to all that was good. Not wealth, nor influence, nor even friends were its treasure; yet it was rich beyond compare, because it sheltered the Heart of the Divinely human Son of Man. God not only crossed its portals, He lived within its lowly walls; satan and his wiles were forbidden an entrance; angel wings fluttered about it; the Lily of Israel, the Foster-father of Christ, the Boy Jesus dwelt there in peace; and the blessing of the Most High was on it.

The Holy Family was the first shrine of the Sacred Heart, it is the type of all holy families. Those who would form their domestic life on a sure model, should make the mystical pilgrimage that wends its way during the hours of prayer over the waters of the Mediterranean and up through the valleys of Galilee to the obscure village that clings to the rocky slope of the northernmost of Nazareth's many hills. But they must not look for the home of the Sacred Heart among the wealthy dwellings; for it is humble, and unpretentious, and it shelters humble folk: a laboring man, still in the prime of his life but worn by toiling for a daily wage; a Woman, scarcely yet in the full maturity of Her growth, poorly clad, but fair beyond the power of words to describe; and a Boy, the most winsome that ever knelt by a mother's side.

Here were passed the wondrous years when Jesus was



growing from boyhood to youth, and from youth to manhood; here was given that marvelous example of obedience and of labor that has been the strength of the poor, and the consolation of the subject; here were wrought out in detail those lessons of domestic conduct that have been the constant direction of fathers and mothers, and the unfailing inspiration of sons and daughters; here was shown the pattern of the ideal life.

The trial of faith now and again sears the soul of every Christian; sometimes in their life all men find themselves near the cross; but there is never a child so lowly and never a man so great, that does not have to spend a large portion, if not the entirety, of his days in that sacred place to which we have given the name of home. All of us are what our homes have made us. The chief formative influence in the shaping of character is that first fashioning of manners and of thought that is given near the hearthstone when the child is increasing, as all must do, in age, and, as all ought to do, in wisdom and grace with God and man.

It was in His home that Jesus garnered the strength to face the public ministry and to crown it by climbing the hill of cru-

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## **World Enslavement or Peace**

### **— Which Will We Choose?**

In the Fatima Message the nation of Russia is designated as the instrument that God will use to punish the world. Our Lady of Fatima said that if Her requests, particularly the Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, were not heeded, then Russia would “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.”

That God would use a nation, such as Russia, to chastise the world is not an act that should surprise or confuse us. God has many times used nations as instruments of

chastisement. In the Old Testament, for example, Jeremias warned the Jews that God would use the evil kingdom of Babylon to punish the Jews.

The priests of his day dismissed the prophet’s claim, appealing to God’s promise to abide with Jerusalem forever (cf. 2 Ki. [2 Sam.] 7:10; 3 Ki. [1 Ki.] 9:5). But they forgot what the Lord told Solomon immediately after this promise: “But if you and your children revolting shall turn away from following Me, and will not keep My commandments, and My ceremonies, which I have set before you, but will go and worship strange gods, and adore them: I will take away Israel from the face of the land which I have given them; and the Temple which I have sanctified to My name” (3 Ki. [1 Ki.] 9:6-7). Because the Israelites were wicked, and because they refused the prophecies of Jeremias, Babylon sacked Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple, and carried off the Israelites into captivity for forty long years (cf. 4 Ki. [2 Ki.] 25; Jer. 52; 1 Par. 36:17-20).

Jeremias, who tried to warn them, lamented, “The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world would not have believed, that the adversary and the enemy should enter in by the gates of Jerusalem.” (Lam. 4:12). Similarly, Sister Lucy told Father Fuentes in a 1957 interview that “Russia will be the instrument of chastisement chosen by Heaven to punish the whole world if we do not beforehand obtain the conversion of that poor nation.”

The Consecration of Russia, which will lead to its conversion, is thus necessary to avoid the chastisements, including enslavement, which Our Lady of Fatima warned us about. It was prefigured 3,500 years ago, when Moses led the Israelites to the banks of the Red Sea. The Israelites had the Red Sea in front of them and the Egyptian army behind them, with swords drawn, ready to kill them. The People of God of the Old Testament were unarmed, with apparently no means of escape. God told Moses that they would escape by Moses extending his arm over the Red Sea. Because Moses obeyed God and extended his arm over the sea, the sea parted, and the Israelites were able to cross the Red Sea to safety.

God has given the Pope today the same mission. The People of God of the New Testament likewise are unarmed, with their enemies in a position to destroy the Church. The tenets of Masonry and communism are being enforced more and more by the United Nations, as well as by the European Union and the United States. These forces are in an almost unilateral control of politics worldwide. Communism and Freemasonry, which are both built upon the same satanic foundation, are both antithetical to true Catholicism. Their poisonous and destructive tenets have been exposed and warned against

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# Apostolate News

## Special Edition ...

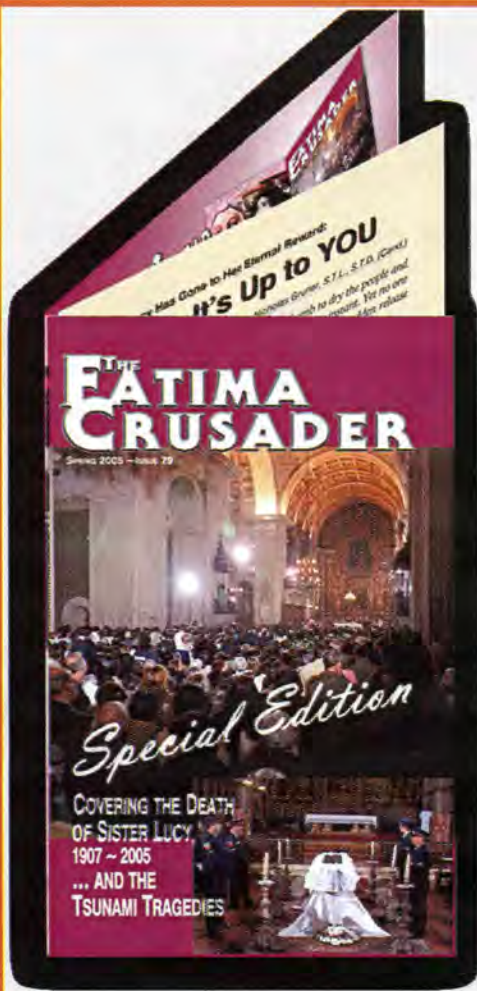
*The Fatima Crusader*, Issue 79, which deals with the passing of Sister Lucy, is now available.

This newest *Crusader* features an article by Fr. Gruner on our duties regarding the Fatima Message now that Sister Lucy has gone to her eternal reward. An article written by John Vennari discusses the diabolical disorientation in the upper hierarchy that Sister Lucy lamented about, and how it carries on after her passing. Christopher Ferrara reports that the Vatican has ordered her cell sealed, with no one having access to it without permission from the Vatican. Also featured is an eyewitness report of Sister Lucy's funeral, and a photo collage tribute to her in the centerfold.

The newest issue of the *Crusader* also contains two of the statements the Fatima Center made concerning the passing of Sister Lucy. One regards the Third Secret and the other is the official statement of the Fatima Center on Sister Lucy's death.

In addition, *Crusader* #79 has a report from Mairead Clarke on the Apostolate's ongoing work in India, and the extent of the tsunami's damage there. The *Crusader* also announces the passing of a dear friend of Fatima, Fr. Gruner's former bishop, Archbishop Saminini Arulappa of Hyderabad, India, who died on the same day as Sister Lucy (Feb. 13). There is also the transcript of a talk by Fr. Paul Kramer on ecumenism, the first part of a series on St. Alphonsus Liguori, and an extract from the works of St. Alphonsus on punishments from God.

Finally, read *The Fatima Crusader* #78, from Fall 2004, online on the Apostolate's website, [www.fatima.org](http://www.fatima.org) †



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numerous times by the Catholic Church.

Furthermore, since communism and Freemasonry are both inimical to Catholicism, there are only three possible ways for Catholics to deal with them: they can either negotiate, run or fight. It is impossible to run, because both Catholicism and the Masonic/communist New World Order are worldwide. It is also impossible to negotiate with them, since they are directly opposed to Catholicism and seek the destruction of integral Catholicism. That leaves fighting as the only way to deal with these enemies of the Church.

God has given us the means to fight them. If the Holy Father extends his arm of authority – as Moses did 3,500 years ago – over the Church and over Russia, by consecrating Russia to Mary's Immaculate Heart and commanding all Catholic bishops to do the same, Russia will convert, and God will miraculously deliver the People of God from what would otherwise be their devastation. If the world is to avoid communist enslavement, it will only be because the Pope obeys God and extends his arm of authority

over the Church and over Russia, through ordering and performing the Consecration of Russia as asked for by Our Lady of Fatima.

Why do the Pope and the bishops need to do the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary? Couldn't God just step in without them? He certainly could, but He has indicated that He will not. Just as a human being cannot write down an idea without some kind of instrument (such as a pencil, pen, computer, etc.), so too, Our Lord has said that He will not give the graces attached to the Consecration through any other means, through any other instrument. He wants it, He said, "because I want My whole Church to acknowledge the Consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart, so that later on, they will put devotion to Her Immaculate Heart beside devotion to My Sacred Heart."

We must realize the terrible fate, including enslavement by God's enemies, which lies in store for us if we do not have the Consecration of Russia in time. It is vital that we take this threat seriously, and that we respond through the weapons that Our Lady of Fatima gave to us, especially prayer and sacrifice. †



Dear Father Nicholas,

Thank you for the precious Green Scapular. I gave one to my friend who has cancer.

In 1990, my twin sister was dying at age 59. I put a Green Scapular on her pillow. I'm sure Our Lady helped her in her final moments.

We do pray for you and your work for Our Lady. Please pray

for us. We trust God to help us and we know He will help you. Thank you for your faithful priesthood.

Love and blessings,

J.H., PA

Dear Father Gruner,

A pleasant day to you and also to all the staff of the Fatima Center. May God bless you in your good intentions, loving outreach to people of God and also for your great news about the loving kindness and miracles of Mother Mary.

I pray for you every day to Our Lord Jesus Christ and Mother Mary for your safety and protection.

Love in Christ,

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cifixion; it was at Nazareth that He schooled His Heart to its all-forgiving love for man; it was in the Holy House of Loretto that He waxed strong, full of wisdom and the grace of God. So it is with us all. Happy the man, and happy the woman whose childhood has been passed in a home like that where for so many years dwelt the Sacred Heart of Our Lord.

In the first Holy Family – and all other families are holy only so far as they approximate to it – there was insight into things supernatural. The Holy Family did not regard itself as an isolated thing set in the midst of a heartless world, with no higher ambition than the gratification of self, no loftier pleasure than the tingling of sense or the thrill of power or the exultation of pride. The Holy Family recognized that naught on earth is of value if it leads not to God.

Mary took Jesus' hand in the morning of His life, when He was mysteriously increasing in wisdom, and pointed out to Him the fathomless blue of the heavens, and spoke with Him of the mansions in the home of His Father. Joseph set Him an example – though Christ, of course, needed it not – of purity and courage and devotion to duty. If Catholic homes are to be homes of the Sacred Heart, homes where the spirit of Christ is in honor, homes to which the Savior turns for comfort, as to Martha's home in the days of old, fathers and mothers must train the hearts of their children, as Mary and Joseph, be it said in all reverence, trained the

Heart of the growing Christ. Who is to teach baby lips the holy names but the parent? Who is to accustom faltering steps to walk in the ways that lead unto life, and accustom him to bear for his Lord the day's burden and heat, and to recognize His yoke for what it is, a yoke that is sweet and light? Who indeed but the parent?

If Catholic homes were more like the home at Nazareth, if Catholic parents were more like Mary and Joseph, Catholic children would be more like the Child Jesus, and would live in subjection and increase in the only true wisdom and in the only true grace, the grace and the wisdom of the Holy Ghost; fewer children would be a judgment on their parents, fewer hearts would be in ashes, fewer hopes would be in vain. Catholic men of wealth, to their shame be it said, are striving to make their children the slaves of gold. Catholic women of fashion are bartering their children's eternal interests for the smile of a social set. It was not so at Nazareth.

Catholic men of honest toil are giving the sweat of their brows and the blood of their hearts that their children may rise by their labors and be better off than themselves; Catholic women of humble means have their needles ever at work that their children may wear the clothes of a decent respectability and move with people of modest competence. This is not wrong. St. Joseph toiled for the Boy Jesus, and Mary wove His seamless robe. The wrong is in this, that though poor they are thoroughly worldly, no less so in fact than the rich, for they fix their thoughts on the things of time, and have scarcely a thought for the things that endure, the things of worth, the things of eternity. It was not so at Nazareth. It is not so in the homes of the Sacred Heart.

No family can hope for happiness except in the measure of its likeness to the Holy Family; and no family can be like the Holy Family unless it knows and loves Jesus Christ, unless it makes Him the center of its hopes, the framer of its laws, the teacher of its ideals, and the model of its virtues. But oh, the joy that is in store for those homes in which the Sacred Heart is in honor! †

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