



# INTERNATIONAL FATIMA ROSARY CRUSADE

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## The Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared several times to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque late in the 17th Century and thus began one of the greatest and most beloved devotions in the Catholic Church, the pious devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Saint Margaret was born in France and, at age eight after the death of her father, was sent to the Poor Clares school. At an early age, she was bedridden with rheumatic fever for several years and, at that time, became especially devoted to the Blessed Sacrament.

In 1671, she entered a Visitation convent and soon experienced visions of Our Lord. In 1673, a series of revelations began and continued for the next year and a half. In these unique locutions, Jesus explained to her the need for devotion to His Sacred Heart and told how He wanted people to spread this devotion. He also emphasized the importance of devotion to the Holy Hour of reparation; and the necessity of frequent Communion. He specifically asked for Communion on the First Friday of each month and requested the establishment of the Feast of the Sacred Heart.

Our Lord demonstrated His overwhelming love for

mankind by horribly suffering and dying on the Cross and continues to show His love by eternally giving Himself in the Blessed Sacrament. The familiar image of the Sacred Heart depicts Our Lord showing us His Heart and serves to remind us that He and He alone is the flawless incarnation of God's love on earth.

"For God so loved the world, as to give His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, may not perish, but may have life everlasting." (John 3:16)

Indeed, we must always remember that the love He felt for us gave Him the strength to accept the Cross as He said at the Last Supper: "Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was officially recognized and approved by Pope Clement XIII in 1765, seventy-five years after the death of Saint Margaret Mary.



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# Meet Some of Our Lady's Workers

*Our Lady's Apostolate is fortunate to have many people in its American and Canadian offices who are deeply dedicated to the work of spreading the Message of Fatima. Once a month, Father Gruner holds a Staff Appreciation Day for all Apostolic workers. At this time, important announcements are made, and those having birthdays and anniversaries are wished well. In this newsletter we would like to feature a few employees from the U.S. office of the Fatima Center in Constable, New York.*



## **Pearl Garneau**

Pearl and her husband, Armand, (who passed away in 1994), started Servants of Jesus and Mary in Constable, New York, in the 1970s. Mrs. Garneau helps Father Gruner answer some of the many letters he receives every day. Pearl also sends out the daily greeting cards and memorial cards. In her spare time, she enjoys reading about health and world issues. Mrs. Garneau has six children, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## **Vanda Garneau**

Vanda works at Servants of Jesus and Mary and is married to Steven Garneau, Pearl's son. They met when

Vanda started working for Father Gruner in 1990. They recently celebrated their 8th anniversary and they have 2 children, a daughter who is 5 and a son who is 2.

Vanda started working in data entry and then went on to work in purchasing and inventory and is now the order department manager. In addition to working full-time and raising two children, Vanda is also attending college to get her degree in Human Services. She will graduate this December. Her husband just received his Business Management Degree from college, while also working full-time.

## **Wellington Joe Lewis**

Wellington has worked at the Constable office since 1995, where he started in the purchasing department. He now works in the order department for radio and television information and gift fulfillment requests.

He attends St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Brushton, where he is the Choir Director and organist.

Joe has five children (three girls, two boys) and recently one of his sons got married. He is an owner-partner of Joyful Creations which is a unique hand-crafted gift shop in the heart of downtown Brushton, N.Y.

## **We Need Your Help to Protest Postage Increases**

We are appealing to our U.S. pledge club members to write a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives protesting the increase in U.S. postage rates.

Our Lady's Apostolate relies on nonprofit mail to help spread the Message of Fatima. When the rates increased in January, our rates for nonprofit standard mail increased more than *five times* as much as the rates for commercial mailers, whose rate actually decreased by eight percent. At this time, these rate increases could cost the Apostolate as much as \$75,000 per year!!

Please write to your Representative, telling him rates for comparable classes of mail should increase by approximately the same amount over the same time period. Please ask your Representative to help introduce legislation that would reduce the increase for nonprofit mail to the same percentages as for the equivalent commercial mail. The 1971 Postal Reorganization Act calls for "fair and equitable rates." That's all we are asking for.

# How We Publish a Book

Many great works, written by Catholic authors, have been handed down from generation to generation. At a time when the Church is facing its greatest crisis, these books are a necessary bulwark as we defend our Traditions and our Faith.



Most of these books are out-of-print or have not been translated into other languages, thus making it very difficult to spread their all-important message.

Father Gruner has the difficult task of examining several of these rare manuscripts and he decides which ones we are able to reprint and make available through Our Lady's Book Service.

*The Golden Key to Heaven* is a translation of the Spiritual Exercises by St. Anthony Mary Claret

and it is the most recent of our published works.

Following is the procedure we followed to reproduce this book:

- † The book was translated into English (from the original Spanish). Then it was read for content and accuracy.
- † Production then scheduled the printing of the draft and proofreading. After it was passed by the proofreader, a cover was designed and the text was formatted.
- † Press time, proofing and delivery were scheduled to coincide with the printing deadlines.
- † The printer prepared the "blues" for final approval.
- † Then the marketing team began promoting *The Golden Key to Heaven* as yet another weapon in the ongoing struggle to make Our Lady's message known.

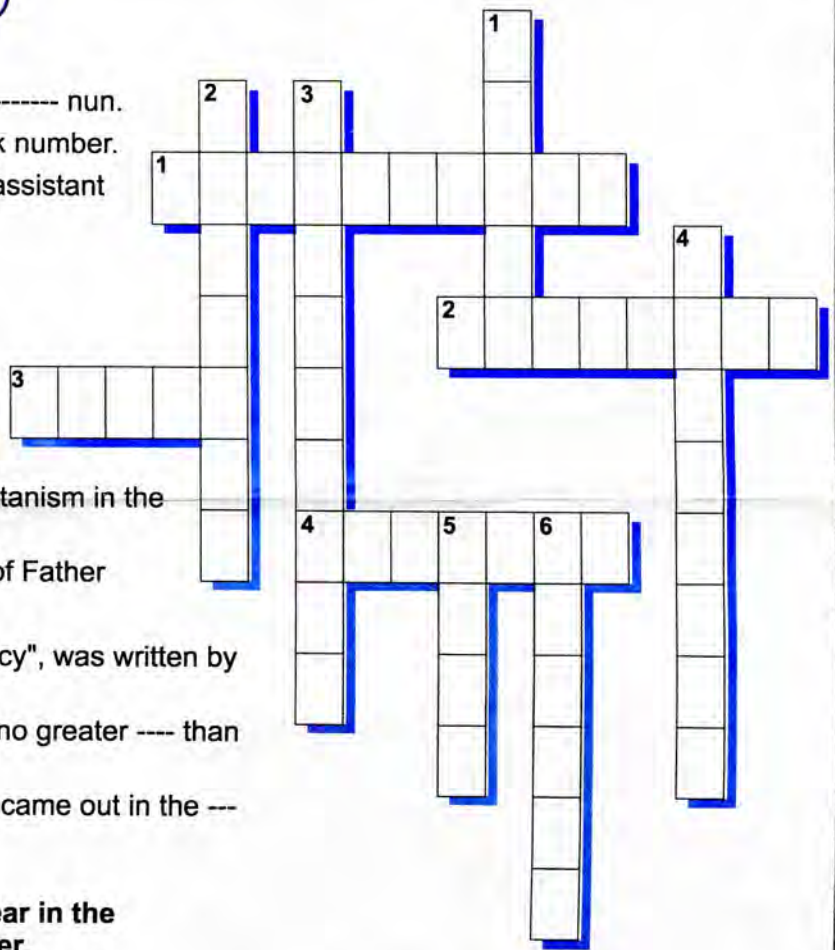
## IFRC CROSSWORD

### Across

1. Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque was a ----- nun.
2. ISBN stands for International ----- book number.
3. Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque became assistant to Mother ----- in 1683.
4. To ----- is to disseminate to the public.

### Down

1. Jesus appeared to ----- Margaret Mary Alacoque in the late 1600's.
2. In "The Fatima Crusader" Issue #54, Archbishop ----- speaks to us about satanism in the Vatican.
3. The book "Fatima Priest", is the ----- of Father Nicholas Gruner.
4. The book "Fatima & The Great Conspiracy", was written by Deirdre -----.
5. At the last supper, Jesus said, "There is no greater ---- than to lay down one's life for one's friend.
6. The first issue of "The Fatima Crusader" came out in the --- --- of 1978.



**Please Note: Answers will appear in the December IFRC Newsletter.**

# Letters From Our Friends

*Father Gruner receives hundreds of letters each day, many with warm words of support and encouragement. They are very important to him and to all of Our Lady's workers. Here are few new letters.*

**Dear Father Gruner:**

I'm sure glad I was born when I was as I know the old way and will always stick to it. I feel awful sorry for the young ones and the children being born today. The Church has changed so much today that it has chased a lot of people away. I know it shouldn't; people should stand firm in what they believe in and not run away. It is a pleasure to have you beside me and I don't feel I'm worthy to have such a wonderful priest. I can count my blessings for you too. I say the Rosary for you every night and a special Novena to the Sacred Heart every morning. I told one lady that I can't be refused on this Novena as the Sacred Heart is the Son of the Virgin Mary. May everything turn out with your help and may Our Lady and Jesus Bless you.

Genevieve O. ...Oak Park, MI

**Dear Father Gruner:**

Just a few words to let you know we pray for you every day, especially the Rosary before our daily Mass at 8 a.m. Please pray for my children and my family.

Marcelle R. ...Cornwall, ON

**Dear Father Gruner:**

Yes, the world is in a terrible plight; our country,

headed by a Godless president, and our Church led by so many "worldly" leaders, has robbed us of many graces through the loss of the many masses. I drive 40 miles to get a Traditional Mass, even though offered by a sedes vacantes believer, and I'm 81 years old. I've put my rosaries in the hands of Our Blessed Mother to use as She wants, as my desires are many and She knows which are most necessary. I pray daily many times for you.

Irene W. ... Sun City, AZ

**Dear Father Gruner;**

I join you in your prayers for establishing what is righteous and truth. I have recently been hospitalized and generally have been keeping poor health. So I thank you for the blessings! My only solace is prayers. My moral support is there for truth and right - always. May God bless your efforts.

J.K. ... Sundar, MS

**Dear Father Gruner:**

We would all love to see you. You are truly a priest of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother. Keep up your great work, sacrifice for the great triumph of Her Immaculate Heart. God Bless you and all your dedicated staff.

Anne W... Latham, NY

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## WRITE OR CALL US!

### The International Fatima

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Visit Our Lady on the World Wide Web at:

[www.fatima.org](http://www.fatima.org) or e-mail us at: [info@fatima.org](mailto:info@fatima.org)

## NOTE!

If you have experienced what you believe is a miraculous cure involving the use of Fatima water, we would love to hear from you! Please write to us at one of the above addresses with your report.

### *Private Act of Consecration by Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque*

I consecrate and surrender to the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, my person, my life, my difficulties and my sufferings, that I may henceforth live only for His love and glory. It is my firm and unwavering purpose to belong to Him alone, to do everything for His love, and with my whole heart to renounce everything that could displease this Divine Heart.

For this end I choose Thee, O Sacred Heart, as the only object of my love, the protector of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the support of my weakness, and the atoner for all the sins of my whole life. O mild and bountiful Heart! be Thou likewise, my refuge at the hour of my death, my justification before God, and ward off from me the penalty of His just wrath. O loving Heart! In Thee I place my entire trust; I fear everything from my own malice, but I also hope everything from Thy goodness. Destroy, therefore, in me everything which may displease Thee, or prevent Thy pure love from making so deep an impression on my heart, that I may never forget or be separated from Thee. O Divine Heart! By Thy goodness I conjure Thee, let my name be deeply engraven in Thee, for in Thy service and in Thy love I will live and die. Amen.