



A newspaper photo of part of the 70,000 who witnessed the Miracle of the Sun, October 13, 1917.



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Time is in God's Hands

The great Miracle of the Sun, October 13, 1917, lasted 12 minutes and was parceled into three segments. The spinning tremble of the sun, the throwing off of all the colors of the rainbow, the zigzag plunge to earth and the return to the sky.

Marshal McLuhan, in his unveiling of the techniques of advertising, was much like a magician giving away his competitors' secrets. He was not admired by advertising moguls for pointing out that the moving

image is meant primarily to capture our attention, the still image sells the message.

The movement of the sun during the October 13, 1917, phenomenon has captured the attention of the world ever since, yet not even our own churchmen have read the true message written in the sky over Portugal that day. The only still image in the whole panorama was the motionless sun, hanging perfectly still for the split second it took to come

to a full stop over the heads of the terrified onlookers, before it began its journey back into the sky. The pendulum of the sun had halted. In short, time had stopped. The end of time. The point is so clearly made — Time is in God's hands. For all of Creation only He knows when it will end. He gave a sampling of that end at Fatima at noon solar time, approximately 1:30 local time, on October 13, 1917 — three weeks before the blood red Revolution that would tear Russia asunder and scourge the world for over 80 years.

The Message of Fatima is a message from God the Father, from the Creator of Time, that we who have not honored His Son, His Mother, the Holy Spirit of His Unending Love for mankind, have come to the end of our allotted time.

When Lucy of Fatima was asked about the Third Secret, she directed the questioner to Apocalypse, chapters 8-13. Anyone who reads them, no matter how biased, will be hard put to resist trembling, zigzagging

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Our Guardian Angels Console the Poor Souls

*Taken from The Guardian Angels,
Our Heavenly Companions*

One of the most beautiful and consoling features of the Church's teaching concerning the Guardian Angels is the fact that the mission of the holy Angels does not terminate with the earthly life of their charges, but only upon the entrance into Paradise of those souls committed to their care. Should it happen that at the moment of death a soul in the state of grace is not yet worthy to behold the face of the Most High, the Guardian Angel conducts it to Purgatory — the place of its purification and expiation — and thereafter is most zealous in procuring for it all the assistance and consolation in his power.

A touching incident is related in the chronicles of the Jesuit Order concerning the zeal of the holy Angels in gathering suffrages for the souls in Purgatory. A holy priest of that order was in the habit of reciting the Rosary every day for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. One day, through inadvertence, he retired without having recited

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to his knees, and remembering all that God has done for him and maybe even saying thanks, knowing that he should be giving thanks.

It is said that all prayers of contrition are heard and answered. Prayers of petition are heard and fulfilled. Prayers of praise last forever. One 'thank you' to God for what He has done for man will echo through all of eternity.

The Miracle of the Sun was a reminder of what God has done for the creatures He loves. It was an acknowledgment also of the praise given Him every moment by the existence of His Bride, His Mother, His Daughter, Mary. The glory of Mary was the glory intended for us all before the fall of Adam. The glory of Mary is a constant reminder of His continued desire to see us glorified with Her.

Lucy reports that when Mary appeared in the sky, alongside the Miracle of the Sun, She was brighter than the sun. Of course. She is 'full of grace'. Full of God. And God is greater than the sun and has no shadow.

it, but scarcely had he fallen asleep when he was awakened by his Guardian Angel, who said, "My son, the souls in Purgatory are awaiting the usual performance of your charity."

In the writings of the holy Fathers it is revealed that the celestial messengers of mercy go even further. They descend to the altars of earth, and drawing the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ from the golden chalices during the thousands of Holy Masses daily celebrated, they shower it like a cool dew upon Purgatory.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was one day transported in spirit into Purgatory. There she beheld, among other things, an immense space filled with flames and glowing coals and, amid these, a great number of poor souls in human form, raising their hands to Heaven and imploring mercy. But all the while their Guardian Angels were at their side, inspiring them with courage and comforting them in the most tender manner.

The Guardian Angels assist with a special zeal, those souls in Purgatory who have been most devoted to them during life.

It is the teaching of some spiritual writers that the Angels inform the suffering souls of the happenings in this world, about which those souls would be concerned. St. Augustine tells us that "the departed may be informed by the Angels of things happening in the world, insofar as this is permitted by Him to Whose judgment everything is subject." It is likewise believed that the Angels reveal to the poor souls the benefactors who are assisting them by their prayers, and at the same time urge the suffering souls to pray for these good friends.

As soon as the hour of release has struck for one of the suffering souls, the Guardian Angel of that happy soul is commissioned by God to descend into Purgatory, to open the doors of its prison and to lead the delivered soul without delay into the eternal habitations of Paradise. The good Angel descends with the rapidity of lightning into the dismal prison of pain to carry out the work of release because his love for his cherished ward urges him to liberate the Poor Soul and to lead it to the sight and possession of God. The Guardian Angel is often accompanied by other Angels or by a whole multitude of Angels, and then the entrance of the released soul is truly a triumphant one.

Though the assistance which the holy Angels render to the souls in Purgatory is very consoling, it is to be feared that some persons consigned to the purging flames may be deprived of the aid of the Angels because during life they were not devoted to their Guardian Angel or because they neglected to aid the Poor Souls.

Apostolate Updates

Broadcast Department:

Over the Christmas season Father Gruner worked with the television department to put together three very special episodes of Fatima: "The Moment Has Come".

In the first of these programs, Father Gruner explained the traditional significance behind some of the more modern symbols associated with Christmas and read to us the story of Christmas from St. Luke's and St. Matthew's Gospel.

The other two episodes were a two-part program, in which Father Gruner prayed the Rosary and meditated on the Joyful mysteries with us. Look for four more episodes like these, where Father Gruner will pray and meditate on the Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries.

Mass Intentions:

We have more than 9,000 Masses being celebrated throughout the year for the Consecration of Russia to be accomplished. Some of these intentions go to a few individual priests but the majority go to bishops who distribute the Masses to their priests in Third World countries. These Mass intentions are generated from the donations of generous supporters and the accompanying stipend allows the priests and bishops to have the financial means to further evangelize the souls in their care and provide the necessities of life for the priests celebrating the Masses.

Distribution:

As well as Mass intentions for the Consecration of Russia, we also have a wide ministry supplying Rosaries, Scapulars and Miraculous Medals with leaflets to bishops and priests in Third World countries. In the past year, over 5,000 Rosaries and leaflets were sent free of charge and over 5,000 medals with leaflets were also sent. In the words of one bishop who received 500 Rosaries, "I am deeply grateful for this generous donation (of Rosaries and leaflets) ... The Rosary has for generations been the 'catechism' of our people."

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Orphanage:

With your help, we are able to provide 10 scholarships for children in Junior Kindergarten to grade 5 and 20 scholarships for children in grade 6 through grade 10 for children of the village where Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Orphanage stands. Costs for the Junior school are \$60.00 U.S. per

year per child and \$66.00 U.S. per year per child for Senior school. By the end of April of this year, we will increase the number of children at the orphanage from 68 to 75.

International Offices:

The International offices of India and Philippines are preparing to set up their own web sites and maintain the mailing lists for their own countries. This will, in turn, allow them to work more closely with the volunteers in their countries and provide quicker, less expensive filling of orders for the promotion of the full Message of Fatima.

The Philippine office has been working hard to enroll the aid of students and others to distribute the Fatima Message to their own age groups. Monthly Rosary hours are being held at the office in Manila and, in conjunction with local authorities, the youth are being encouraged to get involved in prayer meetings rather than participate in the rioting brought about by the country's current civil unrest.

The Rome office staff have been quite busy these past months. Hundreds of thousands of petitions to the Holy Father for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary have been distributed in Rome to citizens, pilgrims and tourists. This was done not only as part of our regular ongoing apostolate work of collecting signed petitions, but more specifically in preparation for the gathering of the Holy Father and the world's Bishops in St. Peter's Square on October 8.

Just prior to October 8, we delivered to the Vatican petitions with 61,993 signatures from Catholics around the world requesting the Consecration of Russia. The majority of them were delivered directly into the offices of the Secretary of State by our own staff.

The Italian edition of *Fatima Priest* was printed and 17,671 copies were mailed to Bishops and Priests in Italy and to other parts of the world from our office in Rome.

Volunteers:

Our volunteers have been working hard at spreading the Fatima message, many even paying for the postage to get the materials sent to them. Their prayers are assisting us as well. Some are sending us literature that others have published against us, asking us to correct the errors. Others are sending us their reports, and accounts of incidents that show they are doing Our Lady's work.

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Readers' Mail



Dear Father Gruner:

I feel the need to write to you to let you know that I am praying for you, especially now with all the vicious attacks against you concerning this matter of your lawsuit and excommunication. I am especially going to offer novenas for you to St. Athanasius, and I hope that this intercessory prayer through him and Our Lady will strengthen you and your cause, so that your battle will be won without any more damage to you, your good name, or the True Catholic Church and its faithful.

I must tell you that I first heard about you quite accidentally a few years ago. I would frequently visit Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine here in Washington. I had subscribed to their Shrine Bulletin, which has been known for its tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary for more than 50 years. In one edition of that newsletter, a reader wrote in to the editor and blasted the paper for accusing a "Canadian priest" of acting outside of direct orders of the Church (and his bishop). The editor's response to this reader was that he prays for this Canadian priest because his actions were in direct contradiction to diocesan instruction, and that the faithful should not concern themselves with this priest because his actions "were not authorized". The reader advised that she then revoked her subscription. Since I didn't read the previous month's edition, I did not get the full thrust of the discussion. But that prompted me several years ago to seek you out and find out the real story. Consequently, I also cancelled my subscription, and they have been nagging me about reinstatement ever since. It upsets me to no end to think that a Shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary in existence for more than half a century can shove this type of blasphemy at its readers and attendees and all under the guise of "unauthorization", but they never mention "who" did not authorize it. From the time I was a child I always questioned authority, and this situation was no different.

I later discussed the matter with my father, (a man whom I consider to be probably the only accurate authority on the Catholic religion "whom I know", and who is not afraid to speak it). We found that each of us was personally investigating your plight for pretty much the same

reasons. We both have read everything we can get our hands on about you, and find nothing but truth and corroboration in Catholic dogma on everything you say. You defend the Faith with the utmost vigor and in the direct face of the Anti-Christ, with the majority of your adversaries coming from within our own Church. It is a seemingly impossible mission which you have undertaken, and I only wish I could help you more financially than I have. But I want you to know that you are not alone, and that I and my family pray for you and never let a religious argument go by without touting your efforts and defending our mutual beliefs. Do not give up Father! You have come so far! Do not let these satanic bishops and cardinals intimidate you. You are only one man who has already fought an army of bishops of Freemasonry! That is an enormous feat in and of itself. You cannot give up now. You will prevail, they will be defeated, and you will finally have reached your glory for God Almighty.

God bless you and keep you always. You are always in our prayers and thoughts.

Sincerely,

Barbara

Holy Guardian Angels

Thus saith the Lord God, Behold I will send My angel, who shall go before thee, and keep thee in thy journey, and bring thee into the place that I have prepared. Take notice of him, and hear his voice, and do not think him one to be despised, for he will not forgive when thou hast sinned, and My name is in him. But if thou wilt hear his voice, and do all that I speak, I will be an enemy to Thy enemies, and will afflict them that afflict thee: and My angel shall go before thee.

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