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Our Guardian Angels Inspire Holy Thoughts

Your holy Angel is tender, gentle and mild," says the devout spiritual writer, Hermas. "When he takes possession of your heart, he speaks of justice, modesty and benignity, of true love and piety. When such things make themselves felt in your heart, know that your holy Angel is with you."

It is peculiar to the good Angels to enlighten and instruct the soul of man, to inspire it with strength and forti-

tude and also, by spiritual consolations; by gentle persuasions, by calmness and refreshing peace, to lighten the fulfillment of every duty and to remove all hindrances to advancement in virtue. "Return to thy mistress, and humble thyself under her hand" (Gen. 16:9), said an Angel to Agar, the handmaid of Abraham and Sara, thus reminding her of her duty. St. Raphael taught the young Tobias how he should enter the married state in the holy fear of God and how, together with his parents, he should adore and praise God. (Cf. Tob. 11-12) Likewise, it was an Angel who exhorted the Roman centurion Cornelius to seek out St. Peter in order to be instructed by him in the True Faith. (Cf. Acts 10:30)

Do's and Don'ts for Sunday

The Third Commandment

The third precept of the decalogue commands us to honor God on Sundays and Holydays by observing the Sunday rest and attending Holy Mass.

Chapter I

Sundays and Holydays in General

I. The duty to honor God at stated times is a precept of the natural law, the general prescriptions of which are outlined in detail by positive law.

In the Old Testament this proximate determination was found in the divinely instituted ceremonial law. In the New Testament God has entrusted the particular legislation to His Church. — So far as the obligation arises

from ecclesiastical law it admits of dispensation.

II. The days which must be sanctified in a special manner in the United States are, besides all Sundays, the Feasts of Christmas, Circumcision of the Lord, Ascension, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, All Saints and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Cf. C. 1247).

Canon Law, legislating for the universal Church, includes also the Feasts of Epiphany, Corpus Christi, Saint Joseph and SS. Peter and Paul.

III. The sanctification of Sundays and Holydays consists in observing the Sunday rest (i.e., abstaining from certain occupations) and attendance at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Chapter II

The Sunday Rest

The Sunday rest requires abstinence from all servile work, judicial acts and commercial occupation. There are reasons that excuse.

I. Servile work (opera servilia) is occupation primarily

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performed by corporal powers and for material purposes.

Such works are: plowing, sowing, harvesting, etc.; sewing, cobbling, tailoring, printing, masonry work, etc.; all work in mines and factories, etc.

In some places *custom* justifies shaving, hair cutting, knitting, crocheting, etc.

It is also *permitted* to go walking, riding, driving, rowing, journeying, even though these be very fatiguing.

Liberal and *artistic works* (opera liberalia) are also lawful: studying, teaching, drawing, architectural designing, playing music, writing (also typing), painting, delicate sculpturing, embroidering, taking photographs. These works are lawful even if done for remuneration.

Servile works are forbidden even though done gratis, as a form of recreation or for some pious purpose. — About two and a half or three hours of such work, according to its arduousness, is a *grievous sin*. Thus, operating a modern washing machine, which consists in putting the clothes in the machine, pressing a button, removing and hanging clothes, would be only a venial sin if done for that length of time without an excusing cause or dispensation.



II. Judicial acts are forbidden so far as they require juridical procedures or disturb the public rest.

Such acts are: summoning the defendant or witnesses, requiring the oath, publishing or carrying out the sentence. — The *gravity* of the sin is determined not so much by the length of time employed as by the importance of the action performed. — It is not forbidden, however, to consult a lawyer, to grant a dispensation, etc., on Sunday.

III. Commercial occupations are forbidden. Forbidden in themselves are such activities as marketing, fairs, buying and selling, public auctions, shopping in stores. Local customs, however, justify some of these actions. It is not forbidden for private persons to confer or agree on the purchase or sale of cattle, lands,

houses, etc.

IV. Causes excusing from the Sunday rest are: dispensation, religion services and one's own or a neighbor's necessity.

1. *Dispensation* may be granted by the local Ordinary or the pastor, but the latter only to individual parishioners or single families of the parish and then only in particular cases (C. 1245).

Individual parishioners may also be dispensed when outside the parish territory; but strangers only when they are within the territory of the pastor granting the dispensation. — Superiors in exempt religious communities have the same rights as a pastor over the professed members, novices, candidates, pupils, the sick, convalescents, guests and those who reside in the monastery day and night.

2. *Religious services* justify any work that is immediately connected with divine worship.

Thus, it is permissible to ring church bells, carry banners, pictures, etc. in processions; but one may not sweep the church or decorate the altars unless necessity requires this.

3. *Necessity* excuses from Sunday rest if a considerable harm or loss would otherwise be sustained by oneself or one's neighbor.

Therefore, all indispensable housework is legitimate

Sunday occupation. Poor people may work on Sundays if they cannot otherwise support themselves. If there is no time or occasion to do so on week days one may mend clothes on Sunday. For the same reason working people may tend their little gardens on Sunday. Farmers may harvest their grain, hay, etc., or gather fruit on Sunday if a storm threatens. — Any necessary work is allowed in case of fire, flood, etc. — Mechanics may sharpen, repair, etc., tools that farmers and artisans need on Monday. Tailors may work on Sunday if they cannot otherwise finish mourning clothes for a funeral. Lighter manual labor is also probably lawful for charitable purposes or to avoid boredom.

Taken from *Moral Theology* by Jone & Adelman (Imprimatur, 1961)

Apostolate Updates

† Brown Scapular Factory

Our Brown Scapular factory, a cottage industry, has been established in India and is producing 10,000 scapulars each month. Because of the number of languages in India, we have printed the Brown Scapular leaflet in 3 languages. Our India office has been supplying many priests in India with these scapulars.

† Philippines Office

Last month our Philippines office sponsored a child for Confirmation. It continues to operate a lending library of books and plans are under way to include tapes of "Heaven's Plan" and "Fatima: The Moment



Has Come." These will be played after the monthly Block Rosary held at the office and also distributed to the many schools in the area on a lending basis.

† Distributing the Fatima Message

Volunteers in many foreign countries are approaching their parish priests with literature regarding Father Gruner and the Fatima Messages and getting a good response to their requests for distribution through the parishes and schools. Many of the young people and seminarians are requesting more literature and sacramentals for their own information and for distribution.

† Mass

We recently had a visit from a priest who was ordained in the rite of the New Order Mass and is now saying the Latin Tridentine Mass. Our Apostolate was one of many places he visited where priests celebrate the Tridentine Mass. His dream is to build a support base of priests who say the Tridentine Mass and who will lend their support and assistance to new priests who desire to learn the Tridentine Mass.

† God's Endorsement of Fatima.

Our newest publication, *God's Endorsement of Fatima* is a booklet that tells us Heaven's Plan for world peace. If you haven't already received a copy of this booklet, please contact us at the address on Page 4 of this newsletter.

The Third Secret

Why is the Third Secret of Fatima so important?

Because it is a Message from God that has been delivered through Our Lady. It was accompanied by a miracle predicted three months in advance "so that all may believe."

Why Don't We Know What this Secret Is?

Even though it was to be released in 1960, "at the latest," the Church has not fully revealed its contents. The Vatican took possession of the sealed envelope containing the Third Secret in 1957 and the Pope, since that time, has kept it under lock and key.

What Happened on June 26, 2000?

On July 13, 1917, the Fatima seers were shown a "Vision of Hell" which was part of the Fatima Secret. What was released on June 26 was another vision, but not the words written by Sister Lucy, that explained the Third Secret, as Andrew Cesanek accurately explained in issue 64 of *The Fatima Crusader*.

Now What?

Father Gruner has recently received from the printers

the second printing of *The Whole Truth About Fatima* Vol. III *The Third Secret*. Despite efforts ranging from clever to comically absurd, the enemies of Fatima have been unable to relegate this masterful work by Frère Michel to the dust-covered shelves of obscurity.

His 873 pages of research and perception are as powerful as a swordstroke of the Archangel Michael as it cuts through the mystery, lies, half-truths and confusion sown by opponents of Our Lady and Her Son Jesus.

No one has stepped forward to refute his claims, nor has any authoritative figure denied the total accuracy of his written words.

Frère Michel should be read by every Catholic. It is the best argument against the current direction that Churchmen have taken. It is a book of truth, of superb documentation, of hope for our future.

You owe it to yourself to read it – you owe it to your loved ones to pass it on to them.



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Readers' Mail



Dear Very Reverend Father Nicholas Gruner,

With great pleasure in my heart, I'm writing you this letter to show appreciation of how you have been in recent times helping in spreading the gospel all over the world. We here in Nigeria see the light of your endeavor in spreading God's message.

I was born Catholic and a devotee of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but as a young boy and as a dependent man I have some hindrances that jeopardize my worship and makes my faith stunted all the time.

Please, I would like you in your kindness to send me some of the books that explain in detail the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Her birth, death and assumption into Heaven and also a Holy Bible, Catholic edition. The reason for making this request is not that you produce books, but I feel this is the right direction I can follow and get what I want.

I want to bring to your notice that here in Nigeria, we do have controversy with other denominations about Virgin Mary's life, Her birth, death and assumption into Heaven, so these books, if sent to me, will help clear their mind on those issues.

I promise to use every opportunity I have to continue to make Mary known to the whole world. I will be glad indeed if my request is granted. May God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ replenish your effort with fortitude in Jesus' Name. Amen. Thanks. I am yours faithfully,

Simon V. A., Nigeria.

Father,

I received the *Crusader* yesterday ... chock full of thought-provoking information. I'll read and re-read. You are only one of a few looking for answers and obedience on behalf of Mother Mary. All of you must be in Her favor.

Dennis K. via internet.

Dear Father Gruner,

May our Dear Lord bless you and give you many graces; and also everyone else at the Fatima Center. It is wonderful works that you all do, and I'm sure it must send wonderful fragrances into the Heavenly gardens.

I just received your letter today and feel a bit ashamed that I hadn't ordered the new book yet (The Divine Impatience), but yes, please reserve me a copy and thank you for letting me know about it. Fatima is very dear to me. I feel in my heart that the Fatima Message is very important for the whole world to know about, at this time, and it would be so great to once and for all give communism a good swift kick in the behind, to put it mildly.

I will continue to add my prayers with all the other prayers being said for you Father Gruner, and the Fatima Center, in respect of our Holy Mother and Her Fatima Message.

Thank you for your prayers. God Bless us all. Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Joan L., Lumby, BC

What If ...?

What if I died today:

- When was the last time I made a good Confession?
- Were the last words I spoke to anyone said in anger?
- Did I speak unfairly of someone, leaving a false impression?
 - Do I sincerely believe I will go to Heaven?
- Will I be spending some time in Purgatory?
- Will I choose to give in to Satan's temptations and spend an eternity in hell?

Who will I blame on Judgment Day when I have to answer for the life I have led?

What if I changed today:

- What would happen if I read the Bible for 15 minutes each night before going to bed?
- Would I be a different person if I spent 15 minutes each morning meditating on our Lord and Our Lady?
- How much would my family benefit if I led them in praying the Rosary every day?
- Would my family and friends see an improvement in my lifestyle?

Who will I thank on Judgment Day when I answer for the life I have led?

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