

## MAGNIFICENT FATIMA CONFERENCE IN CLEVELAND RE-EMPHASIZES URGENCY OF FATIMA MESSAGE

**"T**here was a tone of urgency in this conference that was more pronounced than ever before, and rightly so."

This was the comment made by one who heard the lectures at the Fatima Conference in Cleveland. All who attended the conference left with the same impression.

On June 7 and 8, 2009, the Fatima Center held a unique Fatima Conference in downtown Cleveland. Held on the First Saturday of the month and the following Sunday, the gathering was a forceful reiteration of the Fatima Message with special application to the present moment.

Father Nicholas Gruner, John Vennari (*Catholic Family News* Editor), and David Allen White, Ph.D. (Retired Professor of Literature at Annapolis Naval Academy) each gave two speeches - six speeches in all.

There was also time allotted for the first public viewing of our new DVD *The Secret Still Silenced*, which was very well received by the audience.

The conference was free, and people came both from the local area and from surrounding states to be present. Some came from as far as Wisconsin, Maine, Florida and Texas. Close to 400 people attended. A strong spirit of prayer and like-minded camaraderie permeated the weekend.



**"Our Lady of Fatima vs. the New World Order"**

On Saturday, John Vennari spoke on "Our Lady of Fatima vs. the New World Order", wherein he laid out the plans for the New World Order, and quoted insiders such as Dr. Carroll Quigley, David Rockefeller and Henry Kissinger. He also noted the election of Barack Obama as a potential large step forward for the forces of the New World Order, and warned about the dangers confronting those who oppose it. He especially noted a recent report from Washington, DC that unjustly labels pro-lifers and those who oppose Communist regimes as "potential terrorists".

**To Imitate What They Contain**

Dr. David Allen White spoke on "To Imitate What They Contain: The Joyful and Sorrowful Mysteries". Here, Dr. White spoke beautifully on the mysteries of the Rosary, especially emphasizing the beauty of Our Lord's childhood, which is the focus of the Joyful Mysteries. Dr. White's knowledge of fine literature is vast, and he incorporates magnificent images from Shakespeare, Dostoevsky, Dante, and other

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great writers to illustrate these mysteries in a unique manner. In his treatment of the Sorrowful Mysteries, Dr. White related them directly to the present troubles and suffering today's Catholics must endure.

### **The Dangers to the Faith and to the Life of the Christian**

Father Nicholas Gruner spoke on "The Dangers to the Faith and to the Life of the Christian". He insisted that Our Lady's words must be taken literally in all She said at Fatima, including the request for the Consecration of Russia, the release of the Third Secret, and Her firm warning, "Only I can help you." He laments there are highly-placed people in the Vatican who believe Our Lady's words should not be taken literally. Thus, Our Lady's commands are yet to be obeyed by them. Father Gruner also spoke at length of the dangers to the Faith that come from the New Mass and from the Second Vatican Council, tying these to the Third Secret that should have been released in 1960, and still yet to be fully revealed.

### **Our Lady's Remedy to Universal Apostasy**

On Sunday, the talks focused on obedience to Our Lady of Fatima as the solution given by Heaven for these dire times.

John Vennari spoke on "Our Lady's Remedy to Universal Apostasy", and documented the dire threat faced by Christianity by the so-called "Hate Crimes" laws. He showed the forces of organized naturalism (Freemasonry, secular humanists, etc.) have as their goal to wipe out every vestige of Christian influence from society. He closed with various examples from history of how a minority of people fervently praying the Rosary overturned a powerful enemy that seemed invincible.

### **To Obtain What They Promise**

Dr. David Allen White delivered an address entitled "To Obtain What They Promise: The Glorious Mysteries". In this much-needed lecture, Dr. White focused our minds and hearts on Heaven and on the reality of our hope to obtain it. In one of the most electrifying talks ever delivered, he spoke eloquently of the Glorious Mysteries and amplified the truths about Heaven from the writings of Shakespeare and Dante.

### **The Promise: In the End, the Immaculate Heart Will Triumph**

Father Nicholas Gruner's final talk was "The Promise: In the End, the Immaculate Heart Will Triumph". He pointed out that all of the world's leaders put together cannot come up with a plan for peace

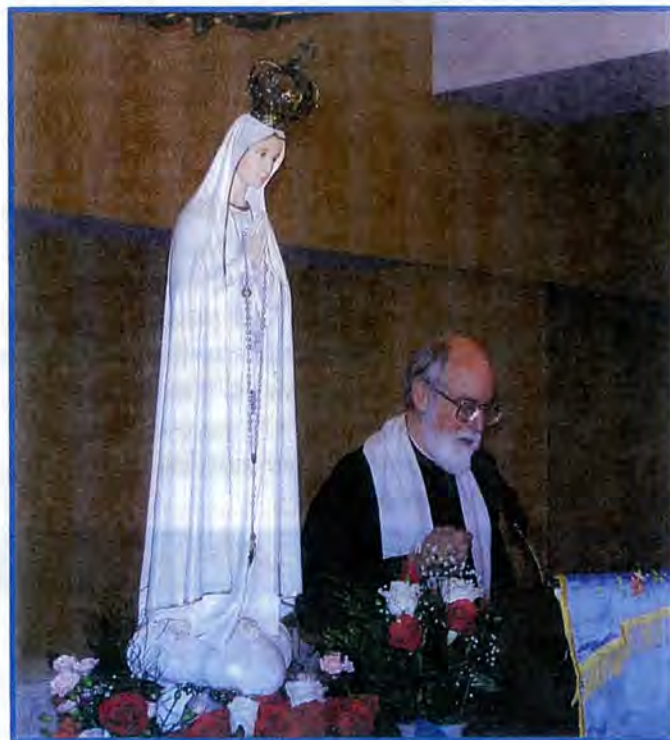
that is superior to Our Lady's, yet this is precisely what today's world leaders try to do. He reminded us of the promise – the certainty of Our Lady's Triumph. "Our Lady says, 'In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph'," said Father Gruner, "so only She can help us. And She promises that, in the end, She will be victorious. But it has to be done according to Her plan. Now I can spend all day and weeks and months and years coming up with what I think are better plans, but I'm mistaken if I think they're really better plans. The Blessed Virgin is smarter than all of us."

Father Gruner, as well as all the weekend's speakers, insisted that obedience to Our Lady's Message of Fatima is more vital than ever.

### **Rosary Procession**

Along with daily Mass, the entire Fifteen Mysteries of the Holy Rosary were recited on each day of the conference. On Sunday, a beautiful outdoor procession was held close to the conference hotel. The procession looped around a small esplanade while hymns were sung. The Rosary was recited outdoors in front of the Procession-Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, and then all processed back to the conference hall.

The weekend reiterated the Fatima Message in a strong and lively manner. The Fatima Center sends its sincere thanks to all who attended and to all whose generosity made the weekend possible, especially to those who are part of the International Fatima Rosary Crusade. †



# THE ROSARY AND THE BATTLE OF LEPANTO

By Dom Gueranger, O.S.B.

*Note: The great Abbot of Solesmes, Dom Gueranger, pays tribute to the Holy Rosary. Decades before Our Lady came to Fatima, the great Dom Gueranger speaks of the Rosary as being "of more avail than armed forces against the power of satan", and being "the Church's last resource." Likewise, Sister Lucy of Fatima said Our Lady called the Rosary and Devotion to the Immaculate Heart the "last remedy given to mankind."*

**T**he Joyful Mysteries recall the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Birth of Jesus, Mary's Purification, and the Finding of Our Lord in the temple. The Sorrowful Mysteries bring us before the Agony of Our Blessed Lord, His being scourged, crowned with thorns, the carrying of the cross and the Crucifixion. While in the Glorious Mysteries, we contemplate the Resurrection and Ascension of our Savior, Pentecost, and the Assumption and Coronation of the Mother of God.

Such is Mary's Rosary: a new a fruitful vine which began to blossom at Gabriel's salutation, and whose fragrant garlands form a link between earth and Heaven.

In its present form, the Rosary was made known to the world by St. Dominic at the time of the struggles with the Albigensians, that social war of such ill omen for the Church. The Rosary was then of more avail than armed forces against the power of satan; it is now the Church's last resource. It would seem that, the ancient forms of social prayer being no longer relished by the people, the holy Ghost has willed by this easy and ready summary of the liturgy to maintain, in the isolated devotion of these unhappy times, the essential of that life of prayer, faith, and Christian virtue, which the public celebration of the Divine Office formerly kept up among the nations.

Before the Thirteenth Century, popular piety was already familiar with what was called the Psalter of the laity, that is, the angelical salutation repeated one hundred and fifty times; it was the distribution of these Hail Marys into decades, each devoted to the consideration of a particular mystery, that constituted the Rosary.

Such was the divine expedient, simple as the eternal Wisdom that conceived it, and far-reaching in its effects; for while it led wandering man to the Queen of

Mercy, it obviated ignorance which is the food of heresy, and taught him to find once more "the paths consecrated by the Blood of the Man-God, and by the tears of His Mother".

**T**hus speaks the great Pontiff Leo XIII

who, in the Universal sorrow of these days, again pointed out the means of salvation more than once experienced by our fathers. Pope Leo XIII, in his encyclicals, has consecrated the month of October to this devotion so dear to Heaven; he has honored Our Lady in Her litanies with a new title, "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary"; and he has given the final development to the solemnity of the Feast of the Holy Rosary, by raising it to the rank of a second class Feast, and by enriching it with a proper Office explaining its permanent object. Besides all this, the feast is a memorial of glorious victories, which do honor to the Christian name.

Soliman II, the greatest of the sultans, taking advantage of the confusion caused in the West by Luther, had filled the Sixteenth Century with terror by his exploits. He left to his son, Selim II, the prospect of being able at length to carry out the ambition of his race: to subjugate Rome and Vienna, the Pope and the emperor, to the power of the crescent.

The Turkish fleet had already mastered the greater part of the Mediterranean, and was threatening Italy, when, on October 7, 1571, it came into action, in the Gulf of Lepanto, with the pontifical galleys supported by the fleets of Spain and Venice.

It was Sunday; throughout the world the Confraternities of the Rosary were engaged in their work of intercession. Supernaturally enlightened, St. Pius V watched from the Vatican the battle undertaken by the leader he had chosen, Don John of Austria, against the three hundred vessels of Islam.

The illustrious Pontiff, whose life's work was now completed, did not survive to celebrate the anniver-



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sary of the triumph; but he perpetuated the memory of it by an annual commemoration of Our Lady of Victory. His successor, Gregory XIII, altered this title to Our Lady of the Rosary, and appointed the first Sunday of October for the new feast, authorizing its celebration in those churches which possessed an altar under that invocation.

A century and a half later, this limited concession was made general. As Innocent XI, in memory of the deliverance of Vienna by Sobieski, had extended the

Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary to the whole Church; so in 1716, Clement XI inscribed the Feast of the Rosary on the universal calendar, in gratitude for the victory gained by Prince Eugene at Peterwardein, on August 5, under the auspices of Our Lady of the Snow. This victory was followed by the raising of the siege of Corfu, and completed a year later by the taking of Belgrade.

In 1913, Pope St. Pius X changed the Feast of the Holy Rosary from the First Sunday of October to its present day of October 7, which was the date of the Battle of Lepanto. †

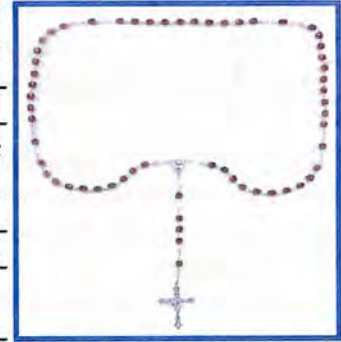
## THE HAIL MARY

**A**s we can present no prayer so pleasing, so efficacious, to the Eternal Father, as the prayer which was placed on our lips by Our beloved Redeemer (the Our Father), so we can offer no prayer to Our Immaculate Mother so pleasing, so efficacious, as that salutation which the same Eternal Father placed on the lips of the angel sent to salute Her.

When first that prayer was uttered, Heaven was reconciled with sinful Earth, the work of Redemption was begun, Heaven and Earth were filled with joy. Tertullian says that as the Lord's Prayer is the breviary of the Gospel, so the Angelic Salutation (the Hail Mary) may be called the bre-

viary of Mary. It tells Her dignity, Her power, Her glory. One of the highest angels of Heaven salutes Her, calls Her full of grace, tells Her the Lord is with Her, not as with other creatures, but in an ineffable manner.

When we say the Angelic Salutation, we fill Mary and all Heaven with joy, in recalling the sublime Mystery of the Incarnation. Mary revealed to Blessed Alan de la Roche, O.P., the devoted child of the Rosary, that in saying the Hail Mary here on Earth, we imitate the angels, who are continually repeating that salutation before Her in Heaven, filling Her Immaculate Heart with joy in the recollection of the great mystery, which secured to Her the sublime dignity of Mother of God. †



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