



of heart and an extraordinary gift of prayer; in which he received great heavenly lights, and tasted of the sweets which God had reserved for those to whom He is pleased to communicate Himself. The sweetness and cheerfulness of his countenance testified the uninterrupted joy and peace that overflowed his soul, and made virtue appear with the most engaging charms in the midst of austerities.

On the death of the Archbishop of Bourges, the clergy of that church requested his brother Eudo, Bishop of Paris, to come and assist them in the election of a pastor. Desirous to choose

some abbot of the Cistercian order, then renowned for holy men, they put on the altar the names of three, written on as many billets. This manner of election by lots would have been superstitious, and a tempting of God, without the warrant of divine inspiration. But it didn't deserve this censure when all the persons proposed seemed equally worthy and fit, as the choice was only recommended to God. Prudence might sometimes even recommend such a method, in order to terminate a debate when the candidates seemed equally qualified. God, in such cases, is said sometimes to have miraculously interposed.

Eudo, having written three billets, laid them on the altar; and having made his prayer, drew first the name of the abbot William, on whom, at the same time, the majority of the votes of the clergy had made the election fall, the 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, 1200. This news overwhelmed William with grief. He never would have acquiesced had he not received a double command in virtue of obedience from the pope, and from his general the Abbot of Citeaux. He left his dear solitude with many tears, and was received at Bourges as one sent by Heaven, and soon after was consecrated.

In this new dignity, his first care was to conform both his exterior and interior to the most perfect rules of sanctity; being very sensible that a man's first task is to honor God perfectly in his own soul. He redoubled all his austerities,

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## St William, Confessor,

Archbishop of Bourges

**W**illiam Berruyer, of the illustrious family of the ancient counts of Nevers, was educated by Peter the hermit, Archdeacon of Soissons. He learned from his infancy to despise the folly and emptiness of the riches and grandeur of the world, to abhor its pleasures, and to tremble at its dangers. His only delight was in exercises of piety and in his studies which he employed his whole time with constant application.

He was made canon of Soissons and retired into the solitude of Grandmont, where he lived with great regularity, till seeing its peace disturbed by a contest which arose between the fathers and laybrothers, he passed into the Cistercian, then in wonderful odor of sanctity.

He took the habit in the Abbey of Pontigny, and shining as a perfect model of monastic perfection, was after some time chosen prior of that house, and afterwards abbot, first of Fontaine-Jean, in the diocese of Sens and some time after, of Chaalis, near Senlis, a much more numerous monastery.

St. William always reputed himself the last among his brethren. The universal mortification of his senses and passions laid in him the foundation of an admirable purity

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### PRAYER

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that the august solemnity of Thy blessed confessor and pontiff Saint William, may increase our devotion and promote our salvation. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Brown Scapular, a Marian Consecration

“... All Her domestics are clothed with double garments.”  
(Prov.31:21)

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and every time it is put on or taken off, both because there is an indulgence of 500 days given for this, and because it reminds you to ask the Mother of God to: “Preserve me this day from sin and the occasions of sin.”

The act of wearing the brown Scapular is a form of consecration to Mary. What is a consecration? It is a pledge by which a person or thing is set apart as dedicated to the service of God or another holy purpose. Every Catholic should be essentially Marian, sanctified by association with Her in every way possible, even consecrated to Her.

Our Lady of Fatima showed Lucy, Jacinta and Francisco the Brown Scapular, making them understand that She wants it worn by all. In a 1936 letter, written at Pontevedra, Sister Lucy quotes Our Lord as saying that He wants devotion to His Mother’s Immaculate Heart put alongside devotion to His own Sacred Heart. It can be deduced from this that a consecration and dedication to Mary, as a means of giving Her greater honor, love and affection, is in fact God’s will for us, and being such, in no way detracts from His own glory.

Remember that the Scapular Promise is only applicable to those souls who have been duly invested by a Catholic priest, a ceremony that takes less than 5 minutes, but which, since the advent of Vatican II, is not customarily done as it used to be, at one’s First Holy Communion. If you received your First Communion in the post-conciliar period, you probably were not invested. See your Parish Priest at the first opportunity and have this done.



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### Father Paul Wickens

Father Paul Wickens was ordained in 1955 in the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ as parish priest, school director and hospital chaplain.

Father Wickens has extensive experience on every level of Catholic youth activity as well as in marriage preparation and in family counseling.

A well known lecturer and writer, Father Wickens is also the author of *Christ Denied*, *Handbook for Parents*, *Origin of the Present Day Problems in the Catholic Church and Husbands and Wife*; *The Joys, Sorrows and Glories of Married Life*.

*Christ Denied* is recognized as one of the most concise treatments of the rise of neo-modernism since the council.

Be sure to watch Father Paul Wickens on upcoming “Fatima: The Moment Has Come” programs or purchase one of his many books from Our Lady’s Book Service.

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saying it was now incumbent on him to do penance for others as well as for himself. He always wore a hair-shirt under his religious habit, and never added, nor diminished, anything in his clothes either winter or summer. He never ate any flesh-meat, though he had it at his table for strangers. His attention to feed his flock was no less remarkable, especially in assisting the poor both spiritually and corporally, saying that he was chiefly sent for them. He was most mild to penitent sinners; but inflexible towards the impenitent. Many he had reclaimed by his sweetness and charity.

Certain great men abusing his lenity, usurped the rights of his church; but the saint strenuously defended them even against the king himself, notwithstanding his threats to confiscate his lands. By humility and resolution he overcame several contradictions of his chapter and other clergy. By his zeal he converted many of the Albigenses, contemporary heretics, and was preparing himself for a mission among them at the time he was seized with his last illness.

He would preach a farewell sermon to his people, which increased his fever to such a degree that he was obliged to set aside his journey and take to his bed. Drawing near his end, he received first Extreme Unction, according to the discipline of that age. Then, in order to receive the Viaticum, he rose out of bed, fell on his knees melting in

tears, and prayed long prostrate with his arms stretched out in the form of a cross.

The night following, perceiving his last hour approach, he desired to anticipate the nocturns, which are said at midnight; but having made the sign of the cross on his lips and breast, was able to pronounce no more than the two first words. Then, according to a sign made by him, he was laid on ashes in the hair-cloth which he always privately wore. In this posture he soon after expired, a little past midnight, on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup> of January, in 1209. His body was interred in his cathedral; and being honored by many miracles, was taken up in 1217; and in the year following he was canonized by Pope Honorius III. His relics were kept with great veneration till 1562, when they were burnt, and scattered in the winds by the Huguenots, on occasion of their plundering the Cathedral of Bourges, as Baillet and Bollandus mention. A bone of his arm is shown with veneration at Chaalis, whither it had been sent soon after the saint's body was taken up: and a rib is preserved in the church of the college of Navarre, at Paris, on which the canons of St Bourges bestowed it in 1399.

His festival is kept in that church with great solemnity, and a great concourse of devout persons; St William being regarded in several parts of France as one of the patrons of the nation, though his name is not mentioned in the Roman Martyrology.

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**Father Gruner,**

Bless you!! Bless you!! What you have accomplished!!!

When I began reading your letter it was as though the whole room filled with the Holy Spirit. Thank you God, Thank you Mother Mary. Thanks father for the blessed pictures, medal and the Fatima Crusader. I read and reread them and will pass them on to family.

I am 86 years of age and I thank God for leaving me live long enough to be a very small part of something so great and awesome. With a heart full of love and prayers I ask God to Bless you.

*Mrs Helen B., WI*

**Dear Father Gruner,**

Peace and blessings.

I was presently surprised to receive your Fatima 2000 Tape by postal mail on June 26<sup>th</sup> and pardon the delay in writing to thank you for your spontaneous and generous gift of Fatima 2000 to our Diocese.

It will be a beautiful expression of our Heavenly Mother's love to the world through the apparitions in Fatima which you have in your generosity made available to the missions of the world.

On behalf of the Diocese and myself and all who will be seeing Fatima 2000 tape, thank you...

With warm personal regards and God bless you and your mission of Fatima to the missions of the world.

Yours gratefully in Our Lord.,

*Most Reverend G. R., India*

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You are such an important part of our Lady's Peace Plan. Because of you, through the means of the television media, we are able to spread Her message to millions more souls. We love to hear from you; your comments and suggestions for programs. Maybe you even know someone who would make a very interesting and inspirational guest. Or, maybe you have some news for our Immaculate Heart Newsletter. Send them in. I'm looking forward to hearing from you, even just to tell us you are joining us in our Three Hail Mary's.

**Dear Father Gruner,**

I only recently became aware of your work through the Internet and I am so thankful to know that God has such a strong ambassador as you in this difficult and hard world. I will do as much as I can to help your great work. God Bless you.

*Mr. Michael P., NJ*

**Dear Father Gruner,**

I have an idea you may want to consider. Ask people in your next Newsletter to become volunteers, as I am, to deliver your tapes to the public access TV stations on Cable TV.

The Production Manager would have to be contacted about available air time. This TV air time is free.

Your tapes are being played in Buffalo, N.Y. and they could be played across the entire United States... Once a chain of cities is developed, the tapes can circulate throughout the cities bringing Our Lady's message to may people for only the cost of mailing the tapes from city to city, volunteer to volunteer.

I am going to end this letter and pray a Rosary about this. May God Bless you Abundantly.

*Mrs JoAnn T., NY*

**From the Editor: If you are interested in volunteering to put Fatima; *The Moment Has Come* programs on your local cable station, please contact JoAnne of our Volunteer Department toll free at 1-800-845-3047.**

**Dear Father Gruner,**

After reading the latest chapter to *Fatima Priest*, which I recently received (A Law for One Man), I just felt compelled to send a much larger donation that I have been sending recently and this really is a sacrifice.

It seems as though Cardinal Ratzinger and others are downplaying the importance and seriousness of the Third Secret. They are saying "there is no reference to any great catastrophe" In other words, what has taken place in the Church over the last 35 years is not a catastrophe, I say it is!! Sincerely,

*Mr. Tony M., ALTA*

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