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Francisco did not hear the Angel of Portugal.

What the Angel Wanted



he covered well behind Lucy's house, like so many miniature locales in Portugal, had its own name, the *arniero*. There the sound of a splash of water indicated someone has dropped a tin bucket down into the well to draw up a cool refreshing drink.

This day the leaves of the tress around the well cast shadows down on the small figures of Jacinta, Francisco and Lucy as they played the games that children play — games made up on the spur of the moment, full of laughter and scoldings and shouts of triumph.

The summers are hot in Portugal. The heat of the day could be so intense that

our three little shepherds were sometimes compelled to take the sheep home before noon and not take them out again until early evening. On this day it was the height of summer, several months after Lucy, Francisco and Jacinta had first seen the Angel on the hill above Aljustrel. Today the children had gone to pass the noon hour at the well down the hill from Lucy's house.

Later, much later, in her adult years, Sister Lucy would write in her memoirs:

"We went to spend the siesta hours in the shade of the trees which surround the well. Suddenly we saw the same Angel right beside us."

Jacinta, then Francisco, then Lucy stared in wonder at the Angel before them, who was brighter than the sun.

Then the light of the Angel dimmed just enough for them to see the figure of a beautiful fourteen-year-old youth, no longer transparent.

"What are you doing?" he asked.

"Pray, pray very much. The holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you." Lucy looked very guilty, and Jacinta very ashamed.

"Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High," the Angel said.

Lucy regaining her composure somewhat, said, "How are we to make sacrifices?"

The Angel said, "Make of everything you can a sacrifice and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country. I am its Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, ac-

cept and bear with submission the suffering which the Lord will send you."

Once again, as at the first appearance of the Angel at the Cabeco, Francisco did not hear the words spoken, and it was with difficulty that he understood them when they were told to him.

The three children watched in perfect stillness as the Angel disappeared.

"At the second apparition of the Angel, down by the well," Lucy wrote, "Francisco waited a few moments after it was over then asked ..."

"You spoke to the Angel. What did he say?"

"Didn't you hear?"

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Media Updates

In the past few years, some visitors to our web site (www.fatima.org) may have become disappointed about the lack of new material being posted to our site. As a first step to correct this, we began in February 2001 a new daily column by Christopher Ferrara, entitled "Fatima Perspectives". To date, about 360 columns have been published, already over 50,000 people each month visit this site. Now, for the past several months, much more has been done to improve www.fatima.org.

Heaven's Peace Plan Audio Library was re-organized and approximately 460 programs added, with all programs being grouped into 18 different categories of topics and further grouped by program guests. The **Fatima Perspectives** archives were re-organized and the daily columns grouped into 14 different categories of topics and further grouped by year. The **Fatima Crusader Online Library** was restructured with new index and archive pages to improve the access time to this essential material. A new section "**Fatima Introductory Booklets**" was added to the home page and the Fatima Crusader Online Library, so that visitors may easily find our 7 introductory booklets on Fatima all in one place; and **Fatima News & Views** now has a more appealing and efficient look, and is easier to use. It includes yearly

archive pages.

Several additional English language materials have also been added to the web site, including: Issues 71, 72 and 73 of *The Fatima Crusader*; our special *Introductory Fatima Crusader*; *A Law for One Man* (chronicling the persecution of Father Gruner); an *Examination of Conscience* booklet for adults; a basic pamphlet entitled *How to Pray the Rosary*; and leaflets on the Ten Commandments, the Three Hail Marys, and the Green Scapular. We hope that you find all these materials beneficial and instructive.

In addition to continuing this effort of periodically providing new material for our web site visitors, we have recently embarked on a new project to address another recognized problem — the difficulty of navigating around this web site and being able to find what you're looking for, or just trying to see all that we have to offer. The redesigned Fatima Network promises to be much more appealing (i.e. artistic design), better organized (for finding your way around), and will have much, much more content to offer. This endeavor will be both time-consuming and costly (although we are working to keep the costs down as much as we can without sacrificing the quality of the final product). Therefore, to ensure its successful completion, we ask our supporters for their help — in

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"No. I could see that he was talking to you. I heard what you said to him but what he said to you I don't know."

As the supernatural atmosphere in which the Angel left us had not yet entirely disappeared, I told him to ask Jacinta or myself the next day.

But he wanted to know right away.

"Jacinta, you tell me what the Angel said."

"I'll tell you tomorrow," she said weakly. "Today I can't talk about it."

Francisco lay awake in bed that night, thinking it all over, lips moving in prayer, eyes filled with memories of the noon hour.

Poor Francisco. He did not sleep well that night. He kept thinking about the Angel and what he could have said to his cousin. But the next day, in the street in the morning, Lucy and Francisco walked and talked. Lucy told him all that the Angel had said. But still Francisco was full of questions:

"Who is the Most High? What is the meaning of 'The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications'?"

Lucy gave him an explanation, but he remained deep in thought for a while; silent and pensive. Then he asked another question. But Lucy, too, needed time before she could

speak further. Her mind was not yet free of her own thoughts and questions. So she told him to wait until the next day.

On the hillside next morning Francisco followed and badgered Jacinta. Jacinta was very firm in her response.

"Listen! We shouldn't talk much about these things."

As Sister Lucy would write, "When we spoke about the Angel, I don't know what it was we felt."

Jacinta said, "I don't know how I feel. I can no longer talk, or sing, or play. I haven't enough strength for anything."

"Neither have I," said Francisco. "But what of it. The Angel is more beautiful than all this. Let's think about him."

Even at their very young age these three illiterate children were beginning to sense the very great mission for which they had been singled out.

The Angel, to get their attention, had used the same words that the voice of God Himself had uttered to Elias on Mount Horeb. They are recorded in the Book of Kings. "What are you doing Elias?" It was the same with the seers of Fatima. "What are you doing?" the Angel had asked them. "Pray, pray much."

The Angel's second visit in 1916 was to teach Lucy, Francisco and Jacinta a lesson about making sacrifices. A very great responsibility for children so young.



The Our Father

by Saint Louis de Montfort

Each word of the Lord's Prayer is a tribute we pay to the perfections of God. We honor His fertility by the name of Father:

FATHER,
Thou
Who throughout eternity
Dost beget a Son
Who is God like Thee—
Eternal, consubstantial
with Thee
Who is the very same es-
sence
As Thee;
And is of like power
And goodness
And wisdom
As Thou art...
Father and Son
Who from Your mutual
love
Spirate the Holy Spirit
Who is God like unto You;
Three Persons
But one GOD.

Our Father – this means that He is the Father of mankind because He has created us and continues to sustain us. He is also the merciful Father of sinners, the Father Who


is the friend of the just and the glorious Father of the blessed in Heaven.

When we say *Who art*, by these words we pay tribute to the infinity and immensity and fullness of God's essence. God is rightly called "He Who is", that is to say, He exists of necessity, essentially, and eternally, because He is the Being of beings and the cause of all beings. He possesses within Himself, in a supereminent degree, the perfections of all beings and He is in all of them by His essence, by His presence and by His power, but without being bounded by their limitations. We honor His sublimity and His glory and His majesty by the words *Who art in Heaven*, that is to say, "Who is seated as on a throne, holding sway over all men by Thy justice."


When we say *hallowed be Thy name*, we worship God's holiness; and we make obeisance to His Kingship and bow to the justice of His laws by the words *Thy Kingdom come*, praying that men will obey Him on earth as the angels do in Heaven.

We show our trust in His Providence by asking for our *daily bread*, and we appeal to His mercy when we ask for the forgiveness of our sins.

We look to His great power when we beg Him *not to lead us into temptation*, and we show our faith in His goodness by our hope that He will *deliver us from evil*.

The Son of God has always glorified His Father by His works and He came into the world to teach men to give glory to Him. He showed men how to praise Him by this prayer which He taught us with His own lips. It is our duty, therefore, to say it often – we should say it reverently and attentively and in the spirit in which Our Lord taught it. 

Prayers for the Deceased

If you have friends or family members who have passed on and would like other members of the League of the Immaculate Heart to pray for them, please send us their names and we'll include them in a future Newsletter. 

Innocent Babies at the Mercy of Lawmakers

The bishops of Peru are expressing strong opposition to the Peruvian Congress' efforts to permit abortion by law. The text states: "The death penalty is prohibited. Abortion is prohibited but for the exception permitted by the law." Once again man is usurping the rights of God.

This, the most gruesome of Russia's errors, has been


legalized by many of the world's countries and once again, ironically, innocent babies are targeted for death while murderers are spared.

"The subject of abortion is not exclusively religious, social or political: It is a human problem," the bishops stated. "The value of life transcends the confessional view, because it is a

question of humanity. Man himself is at stake."

They also expressed concern over the fact that mothers will be exposed to the consequences of participating in the murder of their own children.

They finalized their statement with: "We, the bishops of Peru, make an energetic appeal to the state to respect signed in-

ternational agreements. This is why we remind all that the American Convention on Human Rights, or Pact of San Jose de Costa Rica, ratified by Peru, states that: "Every person has the right to have his life respected. This right shall be protected by law and, in general, from the moment of conception. No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his life." 



Dear Reverend Father Nicholas Gruner,

Greetings in the wonderful names of the Holy Mother Mary and Her Son Jesus Christ and His peace be with you. I want to say how much all *The Fatima Crusader* magazines have done for me because I learn a lot of things knowing that the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, will soon convert Russia over to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All things are possible if we place our trust in the Lord Jesus and His Most Holy Mother and we will soon see peace for the world. Right now things are not looking up to date because of the wars that the United States start with other countries and I don't understand what is wrong with this president. I want you to know that we just got a new governor for Michigan and I know that she will not do as well as the last one that was in office. I sure would hope that you keep her in your daily prayers.

I want you to know that Our Lady has been real sad lately and I don't know what to do for Her. I know that the Holy Father needs to convert Russia over and know that the world needs peace soon.

I look forward to hearing from you again real soon and I want you to know that I've been with you since 1995 and I have learned a lot in what you have to say about what Our Lady wants from all Her children.

I keep you in my daily prayers during our little service on Wednesday nights and I know that you keep us all in your daily prayers while you say Mass. I look forward to the up-coming new issue of *The Fatima Crusader* soon. I know for a fact that good things can happen if we place our trust in Her and in Her Son.

I want you to know that after reading *The Devil's Final Battle*, I was really shocked in knowing that this is what is going to happen if the Holy Father does not do what is asked of him. Please give my best to Reverend Father Paul Kramer in his book.

Until I hear from you again soon, may the blessing of the Almighty Father keep you safe from all harm and I hope to see you again soon.

Yours in Jesus, Mary and Joseph,

Christopher G., Michigan.

Hello Dear Souls:

Years ago I used to receive Father Gruner's little magazine and unfortunately, at that time, I never read them. However ... Somehow, I rediscovered his website and over this past year, I've been accessing it almost every day. What a beautiful, humble and holy priest this soul is!

Thank you so much and God Bless you,

Andrea R., Virginia

Father Gruner,

I know old age is here for me, I can't seem to do anything on time. I am always grateful for your nice letters, encouragement and especially your Masses and prayers.

God Bless you for standing up for the Catholic Church, Our Blessed Mother and the Faith. Your *Fatima Crusader* magazine and articles are exactly what the world needs.

It seems to me that politics is self-serving, rather than serving God and the people. I get discouraged at times but am sure that Mary's promises will be kept, so I live by faith. Mary and Her Son have never let me down.

I would love to go on a trip with you to Rome but doubt if my finances will allow that. I want to thank you so much for all you've done for me. Keep me in your prayers and Masses and that will be the most precious gift to me.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ and Mary,

Gilbert F., New York

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whatever way they are able to — by providing moral and financial support for this project. Above all, everyone's prayers are of utmost value.

We hope that if you haven't visited www.fatima.org in a while, that you come back and check out our new material as well as some of the old material that you couldn't find previously. If you already do visit our site periodically, we thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you, and we invite you to keep coming back and look for much more to come. 

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