

# League of the Immaculate Heart Newsletter

*"MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"*

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## Prayers and Sacrifices for Poor Sinners



uring Her third apparition at Fatima, on July 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary showed three young shepherd children, Lucy, Francisco and Jacinta, a vision of hell. As Lucy described it, "[Our Lady] opened Her hands once more, as She had done during the two previous months. The rays of light seemed to penetrate the earth, and we saw as it were a sea of fire. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in huge fires, without weight or equilibrium, amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. (It must have been this sight which caused me to cry out, as people say they heard me). The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repellent likeness to frightful and unknown animals, black and transparent like burning coals. This vision

lasted only a moment, thanks to our Good Mother in Heaven, Who, in the first apparition, had promised to take us to Heaven. Were it not for that, I think we would have died of fright."

Though they could have had no doubt what they had seen, Our Lady nevertheless explained to the children, "You have seen hell, where the souls of poor sinners go."

This vision is a reminder that hell, a place of eternal torment and misery, does in fact exist, and that because of their sins, countless souls are falling into it. The salvation of souls is thus of primary importance in the Message of Fatima.

Speaking of the poor sinners on the road to hell, Our Lady said, "To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace." The means by which devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is to



**Our Lady of Fatima shows a vision of hell to the three seers.**

be established throughout the world are the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart, and the Five First Saturdays Reparatory devotion.

It is up to the Pope and the bishops to consecrate Russia as Our Lady requested. We who are not members of the episcopate cannot do this, though we can continue to petition for it to be done. Something we all can do to help save poor sinners, however, was revealed by Our

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## The Salvation of the Dying

from the Messenger of the Sacred Heart,  
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**T**here is nothing more awful on earth, nothing more awful can be imagined, than the death-bed of the sinner. The innumerable opportunities of salvation are all now at an end, rejected all. Life is all one long series of such opportunities – alas frequently rejected, as far as one can see. Men and women refuse to fulfill the very purpose of their existence, the service of Almighty God. It is one of the deep mysteries in which we are enshrouded, and must be enshrouded since we are dealing with the Infinite God and His incomprehensible ways – that beings who must live forever, and who know unmistakably that their salvation depends upon a good life, can live in direct opposition to the voice of conscience. Such, however, is the sad fact – the saddest of all: many come to the hour of death unprepared; some in recent sin, some in habitual sin, some in sin unrepented of. "I have set before you life and death ... Choose therefore life." (Deut. xxx, 19.) It is a matter of choice, or free-will.

The consequences of the choice, however, are beyond the possibility of any adequate conception of ours – eternal life or eternal death. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, what things God hath prepared for them that love Him." (I Cor. ii, 9). But, "the way of sinners is made plain with stones, and in their end is hell, and darkness, and pains." (Eccli. xxi. 11). "They shall have their portion in the pool burning with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Apoc. xxi, 8). The Incarnate Son of God, inde-

scribably merciful as He was and is, is also just, without which He would not be God or even an intelligent being; and upon those who finally reject Him His sentence is, "Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, which was prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matt. xxv, 41).

God, Who is merciful beyond even the fondest mother, Who bears with the sinner when even the most hardened human heart would desire his destruction, Who waits fifty, sixty, a hundred years for the most repulsive sinners, for those who spend their lives in leading others to destruction and who boast of their crimes, God, thus always merciful, is specially so at the hour of death, because the time is short and awful. We know, of course, the folly of waiting for a death-bed repentance, the difficulty of sincere repentance in a moment for a life of sin, the danger of not repenting unless through slavish fear, which avails nothing. Yet, while we must not thus neglect ourselves, we have special reasons to pray for dying sinners. If they be conscious and realize their terrible state, they have motives of fear such as they never had before, and will, therefore, be naturally influenced by these. If grace strengthen them against despair, and raise them to at least the real beginning of love of God, as so often, we trust, happens, they can be saved even without the Sacraments.

Now here is where our apostolate comes in. We can obtain grace for the dying, without which no sinner can

### Indulgenced Prayer for the Dying

*There is an indulgence of 100 days each time the following beautiful prayer of Father Lyonnard, S.J., is recited, and a plenary indulgence once a month if it be said three times in the day at different times.*

"O Most Merciful Heart of Jesus, lover of souls, I beseech Thee by the agony of Thy Most Holy Heart, and by the Sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, wash in Thy Blood the sinners of the whole world now in their agony and about to die this day.

"O, Agonized Heart of Jesus, have mercy on the dying!"

do penance. "Amen! Amen, I say to you: if you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you." (John xvi, 23). Notice the solemn asseveration, Amen, Amen; Our Lord's appeal to His own Divine veracity. "I desire, therefore, first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings be made for all men ... for this is good and acceptable in the sight of God, our Savior, Who will have all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (I Timothy ii, 1). Here prayer is pointed out as our means, first of all, to save others.

But not only our prayers are means of saving souls: we save them by our lives also; nay, chiefly by our lives, prayer arising as the sweet-smelling incense of a good life, from which it principally derives its value. By our "prayers, works and sufferings," as we say in the Morning Offering. It behooved Christ to suffer (Acts xvii, 3), and we must be made conformable – of the same spiritual form – with Him (Rom. viii, 29), and fill up those things that are wanting of the sufferings of Christ (Col. i, 24). In this sense we are co-redeemers; and if the designs of God were not such, the life of Our Lord, of His Mother, and of His Saints – obscure,

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## Apostolate News

The Fatima Center is pleased to announce that we have added the never-before-published *Chronology of Four Cover-up Campaigns* to our website. The *Chronology of Four Cover-up Campaigns* is a detailed account of the four most significant campaigns that have been led against the Fatima Message and its messengers.

The *Chronology* covers the campaigns that have been led against Father Nicholas Gruner, the Third Secret of Fatima, the Consecration of Russia and Sister Lucy.

Detailed in this *Chronology* is why today's Vatican has been so anxious to silence Father Nicholas Gruner, who has devoted his priestly life to promoting the full Message of Fatima; why the Third Secret of Fatima has never been fully revealed; why the Pope, in union with all of the world's Catholic bishops, has not Consecrated Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and finally, why the only surviving Fatima seer, Sister Lucy, is not permitted by the Vatican to speak, though her testimony would resolve numerous controversies.

The *Chronology of Four Cover-up Campaigns* is essential reading. It will greatly benefit those who are unaware of the attempts to bury certain aspects of the Fatima Message, and silence those who remind the world of those aspects. It will also benefit those who are already acquainted with the Vatican's maneuvers against Sister Lucy, Father Gruner, the Consecration of Russia and the Third Secret, as it connects the four campaigns and presents the factors common to them all.

The *Chronology of Four Cover-up Campaigns* can be found online at [www.fatima.org/essentials/opposed](http://www.fatima.org/essentials/opposed)

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hidden, afflicted – would be an unsolvable riddle. By our Divine adoption as sons of God, by our most intimate and marvelous association with Our Savior, with God and His Saints, our supernatural lives react on the whole body of the Church, just as the healthy condition of one portion of the vine contributes to the vitality of the entire plant; for Our Lord is the Vine, and we are the branches.

Prayer is the great law, the chief motive power, in the Kingdom of God. "If two of you shall consent upon earth concerning anything, whatsoever they shall ask it shall be done to them by My Father, Who is in Heaven. For where there are two or three gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of you." (Matt. xviii, 19). We are one body in Christ and with Him.

Our prayers through His Heart are His, or the Holy Ghost's, Who prays

in us "with unutterable groanings." (Rom. viii, 26). And so acceptable to Him are the lives of the just that for their sake He forgets the sins of the multitude.

By earnestly sanctifying, therefore, each day by our Morning Offering, our Rosary, our Holy Communion, and various other good works – all we do and suffer – all being embalmed, and made most delicious before God by the ineffably precious perfume of a good life,



we console and help the dying, and undoubtedly save many, perhaps a

countless number, from everlasting perdition. How we thus console the Heart of Jesus! In Gethsemani He felt, as no one else ever can feel, what it is for human souls to go to hell. How frightful was His Agony we know by its testimony of Blood. Our love for Him and our pity for those that He redeemed will be as a goad to stimulate us continually to remember with active charity the unceasing and rapidly passing procession before the judgment-seat of

God; for the death-rate of the human race is more than one for every second of the day and night – almost one hundred thousand in every twenty-four hours! How many of these are unprepared! How many descend to their hopeless dwelling-place, to retain forever in their eyes "the frightful stupor of their terrible judgment!" And how true it is that the fulfilment of our duty to help them by all means

in our power is most necessary and most urgent.

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Lady to the three children. She said, "Pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners. Many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them." Our Lady told this to the children in 1917. We can only imagine to what extent the situation has worsened in the years since.

Praying and offering sacrifices are two very simple ways we can contribute to the salvation of poor sinners. In each of Her apparitions at Fatima, Our Lady reminded us of the power of the Rosary, and asked that we pray it every day.

When the Angel of Peace told the children to make continuous sacrifices to God, Lucy asked how they were to do this. The Angel responded, "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. ... Above all, accept and bear with submission the suffering which the Lord will send you."

The Angel did not tell the children to seek out harsh penances to perform. Rather, he instructed them to make sacrifices out of everything that life brings us. When we are confronted with difficult situations and people, harsh words, disappointments and losses, we should view them as potential sacrifices. If we approach them with the correct disposition, we can turn them into an offering to God.

Above all, if we accept with resignation and faith all of the suffering God sends us, we will gain much merit for ourselves, and for the countless poor sinners that Our Lady of Fatima asked us to help save from hell.

Our Lady of Fatima offered us two indispensable means of saving sinners from the fires of hell: prayer and sacrifice. We must lead a good Christian life, obey the Commandments, do our daily duty and strive to not offend God. Thus, we will truly be participating in the salvation of many souls who would otherwise be doomed to eternal damnation. ■

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**Dear Father Gruner,**

May God give you the strength and means to continue to do this very important and urgent work for Our Lady. My prayers are with you, always. God bless you. The meek shall inherit the earth. Good will triumph over evil.

Sincerely,

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**Dear Father Gruner,**

How are you? I hope you are well. I just finished The Fatima Crusader Special Report and I found it very interesting to know. It's very sad to hear what they are going to do around the Virgin Mary's Shrine at Fatima.

I want to thank you for all your books and letters that you have sent me. When I'm through with them I give them to family and friends. I enjoy them very much.

Thank you very much. May God bless you for your good works.

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