

League of the Immaculate Heart Newsletter

"MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH"

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Questions and Answers Concerning the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart

The Agonizing Heart of Jesus

Q How may we further honor the Heart of Jesus?

A: By meditating on His sufferings. The devotion to the Agonizing Heart of Jesus supplies an efficacious method of doing so.

Q What is the object of this special devotion?

A: First, to honor the Heart of Jesus in the most bitter sufferings of His life, and above all, of His death; secondly, to obtain through the merits of the agony and death of Jesus special graces for the many thousands of souls that pass each day out of this life into eternity.



Q Can you suggest any other methods for honoring the Heart of Jesus?

A: Yes, two especially. One is to honor and love very particularly the Saints who were most devout to that divine Heart, such as St. John the Evangelist, St. Gertrude, Saint Margaret Mary, and, above all, the Immaculate Mother Herself.

The other method is to read and propagate pious books written in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

Q What is the devotion that is linked most closely with that to the Sacred Heart of Jesus?

A: The devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Q What are the grounds of this devotion?

A: 1. The Church is wont never to separate the Blessed Virgin from Her divine Son, and all feasts which she celebrates in honor of Jesus have feasts corresponding to them established in honor of Mary.

2. The Church and the Saints have always united the veneration of the Heart of Mary with the adoration



of the Heart of Jesus.

3. In fine, the very nature of Mary's Heart demands a special veneration.

Q How would you prove this, that the very nature of Mary's Heart demands a special veneration?

A: By dwelling on what this Immaculate Heart is in Herself, and what She is for sinners.

Q What is the Heart of Mary considered in Herself?

A: 1. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the noblest portion of the body of the noblest of created beings — the Mother of God.

2. The Heart of Jesus was formed from Her blood.

3. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the source of the

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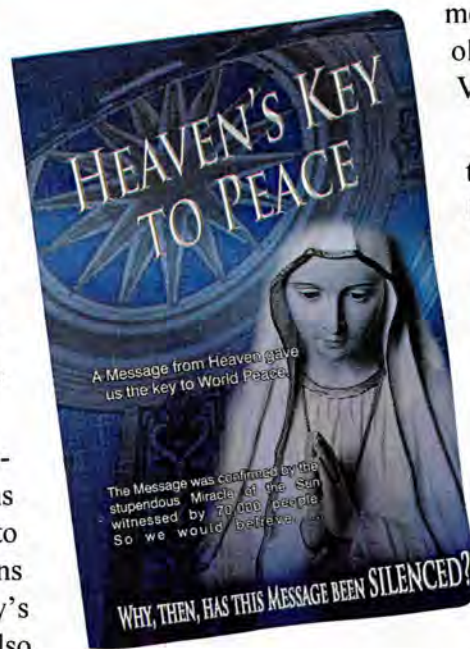
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Apostolate News

Recently the Fatima Center undertook a vigorous campaign to make Our Lady's Message known. Our documentary "Heaven's Key to Peace" aired on nearly every television station in the Western New York area, including PAX, ABC, NBC and the CBS and UPN affiliates in prime time.

"Heaven's Key to Peace" is an eloquent commentary that explains the Fatima Message as it pertains to preventing the annihilation of nations and bringing peace, if Our Lady's Fatima requests are heeded. It also urges people to get involved in the task of imploring and petitioning the Pope, together with the world's Catholic bishops, for the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The docu-



mentary features commentary by Father Nicholas Gruner, Father Gregorius Hesse, John Vennari, Christopher Ferrara, and others.

This is the beginning of a campaign to air the documentary from city to city. You will be notified when it is coming to your area.

If you have not had the opportunity to view "Heaven's Key to Peace," already, we urge you to contact the Fatima Center to order a copy to share with others. If you know of anyone in the field of television broadcasting, or if you yourself would like to work to get this important program aired on your local television stations, please contact us. We are also interested in scheduling radio interviews with Father Gruner. If you can contribute to these projects in any way, please phone us.

Your efforts to fulfill God's requests, given through the Blessed Virgin at Fatima, will surely be rewarded. If you can help, please call Don Pennell or Brunetta Athoe at 1-866-871-7723. †

The Holy Ghost

We recently celebrated the feast of Pentecost, at which the Holy Ghost descended upon the apostles and the Blessed Virgin, and also the feast of the Holy Trinity. It is proper, in the wake of these feasts, to think about the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Ghost. Our Lord spoke of the Holy Ghost, telling the Apostles in one instance: "And I will ask the Father, and He shall give you another Paraclete, that He may abide with you forever. The spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, nor knoweth Him: but you shall know Him; because He shall abide with you, and shall be in you." (John 14:16-17)

The Holy Ghost is often neglected by the faithful, mostly because the great doctrine of the Holy Ghost is so little understood by them. We invoke the Father, the First Person of the Holy Trinity, when we pray the Our Father. We pray often to Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Second Person of the Trinity, and honor Him in His Incarnation, Passion and Death on the Cross. The Holy Ghost is equal to both the Father and the Son, and equally deserves our love and adoration.

When considering the doctrine of the Holy Ghost, it is of primary importance to realize that the Holy Ghost is

truly present in our souls, as He is truly present in Heaven, if we are not in a state of mortal sin. St. Paul tells us: "Know you not, that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16)

Father Paul O'Sullivan stated in his booklet *The Holy Ghost Our Greatest Friend* that: Our most grave obligation, then, is to bear clearly in mind and fully realize that the Holy Ghost is in us, and not merely by His graces and Gifts, but *personally* as Jesus Christ is in the Tabernacle, though in a different way.

Every soul in the state of grace is a living tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, and as we are obliged to adore and honor Jesus Christ on the altar, so too are we obliged to honor the Holy Ghost in our souls.

The limitless power of the Holy Ghost to transform our souls by His presence is demonstrated by the change that took place in the Apostles following His descent upon them at Pentecost. Our Lord chose twelve weak, timid, ordinary men for His Apostles. He did this so that they might be an example for us, and demonstrate to us the degree to which God's Spirit can transform us.

Even though the Apostles spent three years with Our Lord, hearing His doctrine, they nevertheless remained

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ignorant. Yet when the Holy Ghost descended upon them at Pentecost, they were transformed immediately. They afterward embarked on their mission of spreading the Gospel, without fear and with the understanding and Charity that they had previously lacked.

Let us strive to love and honor the Holy Ghost more in our daily lives, especially by addressing prayers to Him. We can also consecrate ourselves and all of our actions to Him daily. The following prayer can be said for this purpose.

A Daily Consecration to

Most Holy Ghost, receive the consecration that I make of my entire being. From this moment on, come into every area of my life and into each of my actions. Thou art my Light, my Guide, my Strength, and the sole desire of my heart. I abandon myself without reserve to Thy divine action, and I desire to be ever docile to Thine inspirations. O Holy Ghost, transform me, with and through Mary, into another Christ Jesus, for the glory of the Father and the salvation of the world. Amen.†

St. Vincent de Paul

As a young priest, St. Vincent de Paul set off from Toulouse, France, for Rome, to complete his studies. He was convinced that the trip should be made by sea: it would be cheaper and more efficient, as the sea was smooth, and the trip could be made in one day. Just after they set off, however, the ship was plundered by Turkish pirates and young Father Vincent was taken prisoner.

The pirates were bound for Tunis, in Barbary, North Africa. He and his fellow prisoners were bound for a life of slavery, with little hope of ever seeing their homes again. Vincent was bought as a slave by a fisherman. However, as he got seasick, he was of little use to the fisherman, who sold him to an alchemist. The alchemist liked his new slave very much, and wanted him to convert to Mohammedanism. He had yet to succeed when the old man passed away.

His nephew, to whom Vincent had been left, did not believe in alchemy, and had no need for Vincent. He sold him to a Frenchman, who had previously apostatized and become a Mohammedan. He had three wives – one of whom was very kind to the new slave.

For a reason unknown to us, one day she began to go out into the fields where Vincent worked, and ask him about his country and his religion. His answers seemed to impress her greatly, and she became impressed very much with his God and his religion.



One day, she asked him to sing to her one of the songs they sing to their God in France. The request brought tears to Vincent's eyes. Remembering the Israelites' captivity in Babylon, likening it to his own situation, he sang the French hymn "By the Waters of Babylon." When he was done, she begged to hear more, and the young Frenchman sang the Salve Regina and many other songs.

That night, the wife strongly rebuked her husband for giving up a religion so good and so holy. Her husband, whose conscience was not quite dead within him, was disturbed by this. He tried to go about his business as usual, but his conscience kept eating within him. The next day, catching sight of Vincent in the fields, he walked up to him and promised to take him to France.

But for nine long months, nothing could be done, as the Frenchman was in the Sultan's service, and was not able to leave the country. At last, however, the two men escaped together in a small boat. They reached Avignon, and were there greeted by the Pope's legate, Cardinal Montorio, who took a keen interest in the two fugitives. In only a few days, the Cardinal reconciled the apostate to the Church.

Shortly thereafter, Cardinal Montorio took Father Vincent with him to Rome. Vincent finally arrived in Rome, but not quite in the manner he had expected.†

The Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul is July 19.

League of the Immaculate Heart Mail



Dear Father Gruner,

I have been receiving mailings from you and your apostolate for a great many years. I do firmly believe all that you teach and promote with all my heart. That is why I want to continue being associated with your ministry. This is where I learn more about my faith and receive great encouragement in my life's struggles and journey.

Thank you so much for your continual hard work in this heavenly cause. God bless you, Father Gruner, for all that you do. I pray to God that He will continue to guide you and give you strength to carry on in your great work of saving souls for eternity. Thank you.

Yours truly,
M.A.B., TX

Dear Father Gruner,

Thank you for all the letters and nice books you have sent to me on Fatima. I read them all. I say the Rosary every day, and pray for the Consecration of Russia to the Blessed Virgin as She requested. I am 84 years old. I have been sick with shingles for the past two years, and offer my suffering for peace in the world.

Could I please have twenty Green Scapulars, to pass to all my family and friends? My sister had the worst stroke. The next day, she was sitting in bed asking for food. The doctors said it was a miracle. I had given her a card of the Virgin Mary and a Green Scapular. How happy and thankful we were to the Virgin of Fatima.

Thank you, Father Gruner.

Always,
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feelings of the purest and holiest soul that ever existed in the world, except the soul of Jesus.

4. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the seat of the most ardent love that God ever received from any creature, and from which He has drawn His greatest glory.

5. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the richest sanctuary that the Holy Ghost has ever dwelt in, the most richly adorned with all gifts and graces of God.

6. In a word, the Heart of Mary is the Heart which in everything is most like to the Heart of Jesus. For all these reasons it deserves our homage and veneration.

Q *What is the Immaculate Heart of Mary in relation to mankind?*

A: After the Heart of Jesus the Immaculate Heart of Mary is the most amiable object of our love. She is the channel through which all the graces and all the gifts of God come to us. She is the most perfect ideal of all the virtues which we ought to imitate. In fine, the Immaculate Heart of Mary is the Heart of a Mother – and what a Mother! She has brought us forth to God with unutterable pangs, She has let Her Heart be pierced in order to bring us to the Heart of Jesus, and Her happiness is never greater than when She wins men's hearts to the Heart of Her Son.

Q *What are the different means of practicing the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary?*

A: 1. To meditate on the joys and sorrows of this most sweet and blessed Virgin.

2. To imitate Her virtues.

3. Lastly, to pass on from Her Immaculate Heart to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which we shall never love enough and never cease to love.

To that adorable Sacred Heart be all honor and all glory through all eternity!

We are also reminded in the Fatima Message of the special and unique role that God has given to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in our time. In the Fatima Message we learn the great importance of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the salvation of individual souls and for the entire world. Let us further express our devotion to the Heart of Our Immaculate Mother by learning more about Her Fatima Message, by practicing ever more fervently devotion to the Immaculate Heart and by spreading Her Fatima Message to all the souls that God places on our path. †