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“The earth is covered with crimes. The violation of the first three Commandments of God has irritated My Father. The Holy Name of God blasphemed, and the Holy Day of the Lord profaned, fills up the measure of iniquities. These sins have risen unto the Throne of God and provoked His wrath which will soon burst forth if His justice be not appeased. At no time have these crimes reached such a pitch”. (Our Lord to the French Carmelite, Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre on Nov. 24, 1843)

February 25, 2016  
Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

Dear Friend of Our Lady,

Enclosed with this letter is a new leaflet, titled, *Prayers of Reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus of the Veil of Veronica*. It was designed as a companion to the new booklet recently published and mailed to supporters of Our Lady's Apostolate, *The Revelations of the Holy Face of Jesus* by John Vennari.

That booklet was one of the projects that Father Gruner had worked closely with the author, and except for adding a few pictures and some captions, was finished just prior to his death last April.

The enclosed companion leaflet is a compilation of many of the prayers of reparation associated with this devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus of the Veil of Veronica.

It is small enough to be carried in a purse or prayer book making it easy to bring to Mass, so the prayers may be said before the Blessed Sacrament.

Sundays and Holy Days are two of the main times designated for making reparation by means of this devotion - though one is encouraged to practice the devotion daily, either before the Blessed Sacrament, or before a picture of the Holy Face.

So why is The Fatima Center promoting this particular devotion? What does it have to do with the Fatima Message?

Recently I heard a conversation in which two Catholic women were making plans on Sunday morning to get together that afternoon at the home of one of the two. In discussing the time for the get-together, one of the women stated: "First I have to take my car to get the oil changed".

The other woman gently chided her that having the oil changed on a Sunday is something that should not be done, it is a sin against the Third Commandment. The response of the woman who was corrected was one of surprise - she was unaware that this is not allowed.

Many of us have seen the multitude of cars in the parking lots of department stores, shopping malls and grocery stores, etc. on a Sunday as if it were just another day. And because many priests are not giving sermons teaching about this crime, or crimes against God, ignorance and sin prevail.

If you find your loved ones have fallen into these sins against the first three Commandments, of taking God's name in vain, blasphemy, or shopping and doing servile work on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, then please teach them it violates the Commandments and is, as you have read in the quote at the top of page 1, a grievous offense to Almighty God.

### **Reparation to the Holy Face and The Fatima Message**

As you know, one of the main reasons Our Lady came to Fatima was to warn about the number of souls going to hell. She told the children, "God is already too much offended". That was in 1917. If you noticed, Our Lord's words to Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre were **74 years before** the Fatima Apparitions and Our Lady's call for penance, reparation and offering sacrifices for sinners.

Both the revelations by Our Lord to Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre and the requests of Our Lady at Fatima have to do with warnings of how much man has offended God, and the need for Catholics to do penance by making reparation and do their part to help convert and save souls.

The warnings from Heaven progressed from a Church-approved private revelation calling on Catholics to make reparation for their sins, to a Church-approved **public prophetic** apparition and message calling for penance and reparation.

Seventy-one years after Our Lord's request for reparation to His Holy Face, sin had grown so much that the world was punished with what was called "the war to end all wars". World War I was

considered - up to that point in time - the most horrible war the world had ever seen.

Three years later, the horrible war was still raging, tens of thousands were still dying or being wounded, and God tried again. He sent His Mother to give, in a series of apparitions, a message of warning - if man continued on his sinful path - and also of hope, if man would heed the simple requests Our Lady was making.

This time, God pulled out all the stops and gave us not only a Church-approved Marian apparition, but one that eclipsed all other Church-approved Marian apparitions. He made sure that man would have no excuse for not heeding Our Lady's Message.

He did that by the following unprecedented circumstances:

1. **Public Prophetic Revelation**

Though there are many Church-approved Marian apparitions - that is, apparitions the Church has deemed worthy of belief - many Catholics believe they are not bound to believe private revelations even when approved by the Church - which is not necessarily the case - depending on the apparition.

In order to make sure that Catholics did not have an excuse for not listening to Our Lady of Fatima, Heaven made sure that Fatima could not be called private revelation, but rather **public, prophetic revelation**, which imposes an obligation on the Church to believe the apparition and heed the requests made by Heaven.

The fact that Fatima is in a higher category than private revelation was confirmed by two highly respected theologians, Bishop Rudolf Graber and Father Joseph de Sainte-Marie.

2. **A Miracle of Unprecedented Magnitude Foretold Three Months in Advance** - the day, the time, and the place.

Despite many magnificent miracles in the history of mankind, never before had one been foretold in advance - specifying the day, time and location. Because of this, the Miracle of the Sun was witnessed by at least 70,000 people.

The apparitions at Fatima were **public and prophetic** by Our Lady's words -

On July 13, 1917 She foretold the following:

- "In October ... I will perform a miracle so that all might

see in order to believe" - She did October 13, 1917.

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- "The war is going to end..." - it did in November 1918.

- "... but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the reign of Pius XI."

Pius XI was Pope from February 6, 1922 to February 10, 1939. The dates for the beginning of World War II in the Pacific include the start of the Second Sino-Japanese War on July 7, 1937, and some sources give the start date for World War II as being when the Japanese invaded Manchuria on September 19, 1931. The war in the Pacific did not end until 1945.

- "When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father."

The start of World War II in the Pacific still did not move Catholics to heed Our Lady of Fatima's requests. Perhaps if they had, it would have prevented the onset of the European portion of the War in 1939, preceded by the sign given by Heaven of "a night illumined by an unknown light." This light occurred during the night of January 25-26, 1938. Up to that point, even with the war having already started in the Pacific, the full thrust of World War II could likely have still been avoided had Our Lady's requests been heeded.

But note also, that during the same night that the great sign appeared in the sky, in Moscow's Lubyanka prison, a man by the name of Kristian Rakovsky was being interrogated by Josef Stalin's chief interrogator. During the interrogation Rakovsky revealed Germany's plan to dominate Europe.

He proposed that the Soviet Union join Germany in an invasion of Poland, which would lead to Europe's retaliation against Germany and not the Soviet Union. According to Rakovsky's plan, France, England and Germany would wear each other out, after which the Soviet Union would turn on Germany and collect the spoils of the war.

This fateful interview began at the same time the unknown light in the sky was beginning to fade. It resulted in the Soviet Union's instigation of, and participation in, the war. Rakovsky's plan was carried out to the great benefit of the Soviet Union.

This decisive step toward World War II occurred during the

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reign of Pope Pius XI.

- "If My requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she (Russia) will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church." - In addition to Russia's role in joining Germany in World War II, here are a few more of the errors that spread from Russia: government sanctioned abortion, which started in Russia and spread from there around the world; and Communism - **the whole world, without exception, is now enslaved by Communism.**

Here is a **definition of Communism taught by a Passionist Father in 1936** to Catholic High School students:

"Communism is the name given to an atheistic and revolutionary form of government that the Soviets of Red Russia want to force upon the citizens of every country in the world.

"The word Communism comes from the Latin word *communis* which, roughly translated, would mean 'in common'. The idea being that all the people share, not only in the government, but in the profits of industry and labor. The word **Communism**, however, **as used by the Soviets, has a meaning far different** from the original Latin word.

"There are three main elements in the system advocated by the Communists: (1) The denial of God and the suppression of religion, especially the Catholic Church. (2) The abolition of private property. 3) The stirring up of hatred and enmity between the various classes of society (for instance: urging the poor to despise and murder the rich), in order to bring about [elements] (1) and (2).

"Lenin, the father of present-day Communism (1936), defines it as '... Nothing less than power based upon force, and limited by nothing - by no kind of law and by absolutely no rule.'"

As noted above, the whole world - including the United States and Canada - is now enslaved by Communism.

And as Our Lord requested in 1843 and Our Lady in 1917 - we need to make reparation for our own sins and the sins of others if we want to stop the impending next World War, number III. Below are some figures on the death tolls as a result of the

first and second world wars.

Millions of souls were killed in World War I and II. Here

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are some figures for World War I (from PBS):

Total number of forces mobilized worldwide: 65,038,810;  
Total number killed: 8,528,831; Total wounded: 21,189,154;  
Total number prisoners and missing: 7,750,919; Total number  
of casualties: 37,466,904; Casualties as a percentage of  
Forces: 57.5 percent of all those mobilized for World War I  
were either killed, wounded or went missing or were  
prisoners.

The above figures do not include civilian deaths.

As noted on page 3, failure to heed Our Lady of Fatima's  
requests would result in an even greater war.

Her requests were not heeded and here are some figures for  
World War II taken from The National WWII Museum, New Orleans:

Estimated number of deaths - Civilian and Military worldwide  
- 60 million! Of the 60 million, 45 million were civilian  
deaths and 15 million were battle deaths. The number of  
those wounded in battle: 25 million.

Some sources estimate the death toll as a result of World  
War II - military and civilian - as high as 80 million worldwide  
when factoring in deaths caused by war-related disease and  
famine.

Gauging by the progression of the number killed from the  
first to the second world war, with sin also increasing as part  
of the agenda of anti-Christian laws sanctioned by Communist  
governments around the world, and aided by the failure of many  
Catholic clergymen to do their jobs in teaching the true Catholic  
Faith, one can only conclude that the next world war will have an  
unprecedented death toll.

The time for reparation and sacrifice is now. We must pray  
our Rosary daily as Our Lady of Fatima asked.

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Commandments so much worse today than 173 years ago when Our Lord  
asked Sister Marie de Saint-Pierre for reparation, appeasing  
God's just wrath by practicing the devotion to the Holy Face and  
praying the Rosary are such simple means of lessening the coming

punishments.

We must teach others about offering sacrifices for sinners and making reparation, and by our prayers and sacrifices set an

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example for other Catholics.

Every time we hear Our Lord's name taken in vain, or the blasphemous use of the Holy Name of God, we need to say the Golden Arrow prayer or a Hail Mary, or a small aspiration - something to make immediate reparation.

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#### **Issue 114 of *The Fatima Crusader* Now Available**

The latest issue of [\*The Fatima Crusader, Issue 114\*](#), recently went out in the mail. If you haven't received it yet, you should receive it soon. If you don't, call us and we will send you a copy.

This current issue contains two separate articles (beginning on pages 2 and 45) taken from a talk given by Father Gruner in 2006; and an update on Father Gabriel Amorth, Rome's Chief Exorcist, who once again - in an interview, this time with a pro-life journal published this past October in Italy - reiterated that the Consecration of Russia has not been done. The article begins on page 9.

There is a terrific article written by Christopher Ferrara, "Landmarks in the Fog", beginning on page 14. Another article to make sure you read is an article by John Vennari starting on page 22, "The Rosary Victory of the Battle of Lepanto".

For meditation during Lent, read "Remembering Christ's Passion" on page 58.

Overall this issue of *The Fatima Crusader* has a nice variety of devotional, inspirational and informative articles. Be sure to take some time to read it, and call for copies to give to others.

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In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,

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