

Another Prophecy Fulfilled Indicates the Approach of Zero Hour

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Five days after Pope Benedict XVI had announced his abdication, *The Washington Post* published a detailed article on the “VatiLeaks” scandal, entitled [“Pope Benedict XVI’s leaked documents show fractured Vatican full of rivalries.”](#)

Reporter Jason Horowitz, writer of the *Washington Post* article, had selected Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò as the principal figure of his exposé on the Vatican. Through leaked personal correspondence, it came to light that Viganò had “earned powerful enemies,” according to Horowitz, because “Benedict had installed Viganò to enact a series of reforms within the Vatican. But some of Rome’s highest-ranking cardinals undercut the efforts....” Horowitz informs the reader that Viganò was then neatly dismissed under the guise of a promotion, as His Excellency was conveniently appointed Nuncio to the United States and relegated to Washington, D.C.

Horowitz relies on the example of Archbishop Viganò in order to substantiate the following conclusion he had reached about the VatiLeaks scandal: “Much of the media – and the Vatican – focused on the source of the shocking security breach [Paolo Gabriele, the Pope’s butler]. Largely lost,” Horowitz maintains, “were the revelations contained in the letters [i.e., in the documents] themselves – tales of rivalry and betrayal, and allegations of corruption and systemic dysfunction that infused the inner workings of the Holy See and the eight-year papacy of Benedict XVI.”

Subsequent to the *Washington Post* article, on February 23 it was widely reported via the [AP wire](#) that Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi, President of the Pontifical Council for Culture, had recently decried the “divisions, dissent, careerism,” and “jealousies” which he claims have beset the Vatican bureaucracy. Cardinal Ravasi issued this denouncement of machinations within the Vatican during the Lenten retreat attended by the Holy Father and other prelates on February 22. Importantly, Ravasi was supported in his assessment and condemnation of the state of high politics within the Church, not only by the many news stories that have shed light on the VatiLeaks scandal, but also by Pope Benedict himself, who had chosen Ravasi to lead the weeklong retreat.

On Ash Wednesday 2013, Pope Benedict XVI (who elevated Ravasi to cardinal in 2010) spoke during his [homily](#) of the Barque of St. Peter being “disfigured” by the “sins against the unity of the Church, of the divisions in the body of the Church.” The Pope carefully elaborated on this statement, further linking that disfigurement to “individualism and rivalry.”

Buried under all of the political intrigue, as well as under the rampant speculation of who will become the next Pope, is the reality that a significant prophecy is now being fulfilled.

In the year 1973, on the conspicuous date of October 13 (the anniversary of the Miracle

of the Sun at Fatima), the Blessed Virgin Mary told Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa, in the often cited Church-approved apparitions of Our Lady of Akita (Japan), “The work of the devil will infiltrate even the Church in such a way that one will see cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against other bishops.”

Against the backdrop of the VatiLeaks scandal, the recent statements made by Cardinal Ravasi and Pope Benedict affirm that this prediction from Our Lady of Akita is being realized at this moment. For in the Catholic Church, who is it that occupies the greatest positions of power, from whence the “divisions, dissent, careerism,” and “jealousies,” spoken of by Cardinal Ravasi, and the “individualism and rivalry,” in the words of Pope Benedict, have originated? Naturally, the cardinals and the bishops hold those key positions.

In addition to the Message of Akita, the infighting that is taking place within the upper Church hierarchy, which both Cardinal Ravasi and Pope Benedict have lamented in their recently published statements — and which is so aptly demonstrated in the case of Archbishop Viganò — may be foretold in the Third Secret of Fatima as well.

During an interview for the November 1998 edition of *Inside the Vatican* magazine, Howard Dee, the former Ambassador of the Philippines to the Vatican (on whom Pope John Paul II had bestowed the moniker of “Our Lady’s Ambassador”), made the following revelation about Fatima and Akita:

Bishop John Ito, Ordinary of Akita who approved the apparitions, wrote to me after he briefed the Holy Father about the Akita events and presented his pastoral [letter] to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger for approval. Bishop Ito was certain Akita was an extension of Fatima, and Cardinal Ratzinger personally confirmed to me that these two messages, of Fatima and Akita, are essentially the same.¹

Though the Messages of Fatima and Akita are “essentially the same,” the specific content of the aforementioned quote from Our Lady of Akita — “cardinals opposing cardinals, bishops against other bishops” — does not appear anywhere in the Message of Fatima to which we have so far been given access (i.e., neither in the first two parts of the Great Secret nor in the vision of a “Bishop dressed in White”).

If indeed there is a uniformity of the Messages of Fatima and Akita in the particular aspect of “cardinals opposing cardinals,” etc., then that sameness can only be traced to the other part of the Third Secret which is still hidden in the Vatican, and which contains the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Sister Lucy’s letter to the Bishop of Leiria that Fatima expert Christopher Ferrara has [proven](#) must exist. (Incidentally, the hidden text, apart from clearing up this matter once it is finally revealed, will contextualize the vision of a “Bishop dressed in White,” and will elucidate Cardinal Ratzinger’s 1984 [testimony](#) of public record on the Third Secret.)

Regardless of whether or not the Messages of Fatima and Akita precisely conform to one another in the aspect of “cardinals opposing cardinals,” what can be declared with certainty is that Our Lady of Fatima generally warned us of the “annihilation of nations” if Her requests

¹ “Mary Today,” *Inside the Vatican*, November 1998, pp. 30, 33.

went unheeded, and Our Lady of Akita specifically called to our attention that, given an obstinately sinful and unrepentant mankind, “fire will fall from the sky and will wipe out a great part of humanity.” This frightening prospect of nations being annihilated by fire from the sky is most probably one “extension” to which Bishop Ito was referring in his letter to Howard Dee.

Our Lady of Fatima and Our Lord have given the now future Pope and the bishops the only means of preventing the worst from happening: the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In view of Our Lady’s unfailing prophetic track record,² with the fulfillment of yet another one of Her prophecies (i.e., Our Lady of Akita’s 1973 announcement of future power struggles within the Vatican) comes the awareness that they — and we — are that much closer to running out of time.

² If we consider Our Lady of Fatima alone, the Blessed Virgin successfully predicted the Miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917, the end of World War I, the outbreak of the Second World War and the Great Sign which preceded that war, the spread of Russia’s errors throughout the world, and the sufferings of the Holy Father — to name a few of these Fatima prophecies that have come to pass.