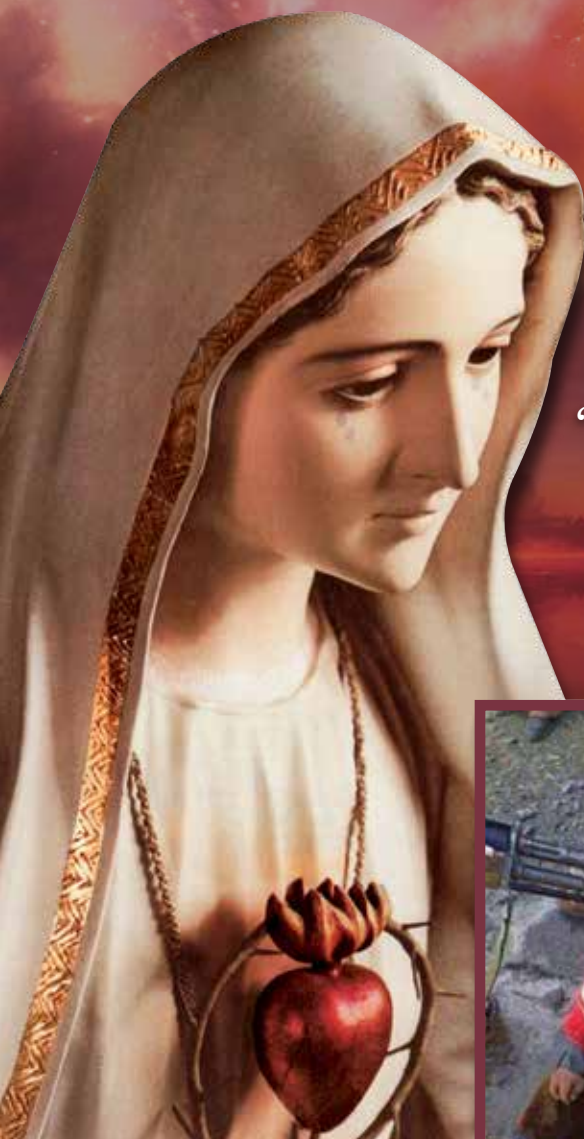


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“If My Requests
are Not Heeded...
the Good Will
Be Martyred”



A PLEA FOR My Syrian People

The following is a [special address](#) given at *Fatima: The Path to Peace!* Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario on September 11, 2013. It is more timely than ever considering recent events in that country and the entire Middle East. It is slightly edited for clarity in this written form.

See “Annihilation of Christians” beginning on [page 9](#) for more details on why the Patriarch pleads for his people.

*By His Beatitude Ignatius Joseph III Younan,
Patriarch of Antioch; Syriac Rite*

Greetings of peace to you all. I would like to convey my thanks to Father Nicholas Gruner and all his staff, helpers, clergy and lay people – women and men – for inviting me. It’s the first time I am among you but I already feel like at home.

How beautiful to meet together, to venerate Our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Fatima, the Mother of Our Savior, Lord God, Jesus Christ. I can tell you that I made a decision to continue the building of the first parish church in Lebanon – which was named after Our Lady of Fatima .

Allow me to also salute and applaud the people and government of Canada for the decision made by the Prime Minister, Mr. Harper, to not

arm the rebels in Syria. For that reason, I wrote him a letter thanking him.

I would like to applaud all peoples of Canada, the United States, Europe and all other countries where there were manifestations or demonstrations against the war; responding to the call of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, who repeated that war is a defeat for humanity.

I was elected Patriarch of Antioch (Syria) on January 9, 2009 with residence in Lebanon. Antioch was one of the first famous cities to be evangelized by Saint Peter, and Saint Paul. It was also the birthplace of Saint Luke, as well as the many saints and martyrs.

I have to take care of my particular church, the Syriac



His Beatitude Ignatius Joseph III Younan, Patriarch of Antioch; Syriac Rite, delivering his appeal for his Syrian people who remain engulfed in persecutions and violences.

Catholic Church of Antioch. And therefore, I have visited Iraq, that war-torn country, 10 times, because **we have two archdioceses there – Bagdad and Mosul** – and a vicariate in Basra in the south.

I visited Turkey three times, where a minority of Christians still live – mostly in the huge Istanbul area. I made a visit to the Holy Land, twice to Jordan and Egypt, three times to Kerala, India to strengthen ties with our sister churches of Syriac heritage – the Syrian Malankara, Syro and Malabar churches.

A Patriarch is not only a Church head of a diocese but he is the

head of a particular church. Next November, we have scheduled a one-day meeting with the Holy Father in the Vatican, we Patriarchs and Archbishop Majors.

Therefore, I think my experience of the situation in the Middle East is much better than many politicians of your countries. They are politicized and just pandering to many interest groups – interest of what we call the algometric media.

The Middle East Is Engulfed in Violence

I can tell you that the Middle East has been engulfed by an instigation of violence for [the

better part of] twenty years. And so, that was, and still is, a nightmare that seems to have no end undermining the very existence of non-Muslim minorities, particularly Christians in lands that knew the birth of our Faith and was the cradle of early Christian communities for the first six centuries before the Muslim invasion.

But the greatest concern we have at the present time is the terrible situation going on in Syria, my country of birth, where my parents, fleeing Turkey, sought refuge right after the First World War. They fled Turkey with their mothers, as children. The last time I could visit Aleppo, which is the second largest city of Syria where we have a significant Christian community, was back in May of last year.

Beseiged By Radical Muslims

There, we had a meeting of Catholic bishops and Patriarchs and, of course, we are very, very concerned about the situation because it's besieged by every kind of rebel, most of them radical Muslims.

This morning, thanks to God, I got a phone call from the Archbishop of Aleppo – after two weeks of no contacts with them, neither by email nor by phones –

and he told me that the situation is really bad but at least he was able to call me, asking for prayers and support.

The ongoing bloody conflict in Syria has already lasted for two and a half years. This country, so deeply rooted in ancient civilization, like Mesopotamia and the Nile valley, is horribly ravaged by a sectarian religious civil war that quickly, as we warned, turned into a regional, even international, conflict triggered mostly by the Sunni Muslim majority that wants to get the ruling power from the *Alawite* minority in Syria.

Therefore, as Christian leaders, we said that it's not the question of popular uprising trying to oust a dictator – he is the head of the regime but it's not only he [they want] to oust, it's also his community. There will be terrible consequences if the Sunni majority get to power because then they will take revenge.

Therefore, if it were only a “popular revolution”, as the media tries to say, then, logically, the regime would have been ousted a long time ago.

An Ongoing Sectarian Confessional War

But, because it's a sectarian confessional war that goes on and on, we don't now really see an

end to it unless the international community makes a resolution to exercise peaceful means to get those parties in conflict together in dialogue and reconciliation.

Yes! It will take a long time – perhaps weeks or months – but it is much better than armed rebels – we don't know what kind of arms – that many, many innocent people will be killed and millions will be fleeing the country and displaced in the same country, Syria.

Refugees Seek Dignity

As you may know – since I am in Lebanon – we keep receiving Christian families. They knock on the door and I have a committee of clergy, nuns and lay people taking care of those refugees. In my community, we have at least 400 families. Other bishops, other churches, they also have the same. Our Christian community doesn't want to go into camps or get help from the United Nations. They want to try to live in dignity, but because it lasted a long time, they got in trouble and they need our help.

We still remember the insidious Machiavellian assertion of some Western politicians saying publicly, since the beginning of that tragedy in Syria, that soon the regime would fall and President Assad will get ousted.

On the contrary, the crisis turned into chaos and the chaos led to a sectarian religious civil war. Remember what happened in Europe, for instance – the religious war between Christian denominations – how long it took to settle those fights.

The sectarian civil war spread to many areas and Christians have been targeted – yes, have been targeted. Some of our politicians said: “No. Most of the rebels are so good and moderate.” That is not the truth. Most of the area where fights are going on between the Syrian army and those radical rebels – they kidnap, they kill, they harass, and they push to immigration especially the non-Sunni minorities and particularly the Christians.

We still have two Archbishops who were kidnapped in the area of Aleppo for about five months and two other priests for more than eight months.

And we have the Jesuits' Father who was in our monastery of Saint Moses the Abyssinian, Musa al-Habashi, near north of Damascus, who was also kidnapped by those radicals. Even though he was very sympathetic to the rebels, he was kidnapped and we don't know what his situation is, to this day.

Many other lay women and men have been killed.

The last clergy member of our church was killed about two months ago. He was a monk and he wanted to go to the steps of Saint Simeon the Stylite in nearby Aleppo, between Aleppo and Antioch, where he was harassed many times and in the end, they did kill him – even though he was by himself, alone, with absolutely no political ties, no desire to get mingled in that conflict.

Western Democracy Ignores What Is Happening in Syria

We Christians in the Middle East do not understand why politicians in the Western world portray a belief in the so-called principles of democracy and values, yet ignore what is happening now in Syria. The rebels are far from seeking democratic freedom and equality of all citizens.

On one hand, those Western politicians separate Church and State in their own countries, while, on the other hand, they tolerate emerging regimes based on political Islam with a clear agenda of applying the *Sharia* and professing an amalgam between the religion and every aspect of life – private or public.

And yet, they are the best allies with the regimes and countries

that are the most retrograde in our modern times – where you don't have freedom for a woman even to drive by herself or begin to travel by herself or to work with who she wants; and where there are no constitutions or parliamentary elections.

Despite all that – they pretend to be our “good allies”.

Let's remember what Jesus said about worshipping God and mammon. It's really sad to repeat this, because of their opportunism and the secular thoughts of just having a kind of politically correct language with those who are not so democratic. Nor do they accept any other religion but Islam. Those countries, especially Saudi Arabia, don't allow any public manifestation of other religions. They don't allow building churches; they don't allow you to bring in a book of the Gospel; they don't allow other Muslims to pray in their own houses, which they are, risking to be expelled.

We Are for Peace

Christian leaders in the Middle East, particularly in Syria, made many statements that clearly say that they do not side with any government person or family or tribe, neither with any political regime. We said that we are not with Assad because he is Assad.

No, we are with the Syrian people; we are for peace in that country and we have to work.

Remember, just a few days ago they did invade one of the most ancient Christian towns in Syria where still the Syriac or Aramaic is spoken by the Christians, even by Muslims – the same language spoken by the Lord and the Blessed Mother. They did invade it and, of course, the army had to go in to fight and the consequences will be that Christians will flee that area and many churches, convents and shrines will be damaged, if not destroyed.

Looking at what happened to Christians in neighboring countries like Iraq, we have

believed – as religious leaders, Patriarchs and bishops – that any political change over the regime in Syria should have been solely with peaceful means because, as I said, it's confessional; it's a religious war and this community doesn't trust in that Sunni majority.

First of all, we fear that this sectarian conflict between Sunnis and Shiites, with their multi form, their denominations, will undoubtedly spread to Lebanon. That tends to a very delicate balance and as well to other Middle Eastern countries. It is primarily the duty of the Sunni majority to inspire confidence and to try to help other minorities to feel, as we say, confident in them.

SEND ROSES DOWN FROM HEAVEN

"I will send down a shower of Rose Petals from Heaven." ...St. Thérèse

You can help spread Our Lady of Fatima's Urgent Message of Hope and Peace throughout the world, even after God calls you to your eternal reward.

Millions of souls will be lost if Our Blessed Mother's requests are not heeded and the Consecration of Russia is not done, very soon, as She requested.

For the sake of those souls, as well as your own, we beg you to remember Our Lady's Apostolate in your will.

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It's not vice versa.

Those minorities don't have their own means – as the money, the oil and the number, and therefore the Western politicians have to tell that Sunni majority to act like that, so that people, whatever denomination they belong to, can live together.

Also, as you know, Christians of the Middle East now face the greatest challenge of their history that puts their very survival at risk.

Muslim Persecutions


We kept living among Muslims for many centuries in the past when we were persecuted and harassed. Our ancestors would flee into the mountains or desert areas but now our young generation does not want to be like their ancestors. They want their dignity as human beings and their freedom of religion to live – as well, their children – in that religious freedom. Therefore, when they see that the Western world did not forget them they will look for immigration.

The Holy Father, Benedict, visited Lebanon last year and tried to call all religious denominations to get along in reconciliation and mutual respect. As well, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, called for a day of prayer and fast on last

Saturday (September 7, 2013) and it was really a wonderful event internationally, followed even by non-Christians. The head of the Apostolic Church of Rome, the Universal Catholic Church, gave us consolation and encouragement to keep going on in very, very difficult times.

To have another tone, I would like to tell you what a 96-year-old priest said at a dinner organized by the Sierra Association, an organization for priestly and religious vocations. After giving a speech for a couple of minutes he said: "When they ask you to give a speech – just stand up to be seen, speak up to be heard and shut up to be appreciated." Since that time, he died. He was a wonderful Catholic priest.

Please Help Your Brothers and Sisters in the Middle East

We have confidence that you, dear sisters and brothers, will do whatever you can to bring Catholics around the world to awareness to the plight of Christians, your brothers and sisters in the Middle East. We need you to please waken up the silent majority of citizens who are lovers of truth in charity, seek justice for all and who want to be peace makers in our turbulent world. Thank you. 

ANNIHILATION of CHRISTIANS



Mortal terror grips the heart of a small child about to be killed. ISIS considers such images of fear as a mark of glory for their campaign of terror.



The bodies of innocent infants and children lay where they were slain.

**These are the Consequences of
Ignoring Our Lady of Fatima**

Read more about these atrocities next page

ANNIHILATION of CHRISTIANS

Editor's Important Notice:

This article contains graphic descriptions and photos, which may be disturbing to some of our readers. We publish this material, not for shock value, but because the terrifying and shocking truth of the world's present situation is at the heart of Our Lady of Fatima's Message. In fact, this appalling bloodshed also reported in some few of the mainstream news outlets is the direct result of despising Our Lady of Fatima's appeal to us for the Consecration of Russia, which alone can avert the divine punishments that continue to fall upon the world for its sins.

Our Lady has warned us that the coming chastisement will involve a persecution of the Church, bringing widespread martyrdom – "The good will be martyred." The religious purges taking place in various places around the world today should indeed shock all of us into taking Our Lady's Message more seriously, before it is too late.

To minimize the horrors of these atrocities would be a disservice to our readers. We who have not been forced to personally experience and witness such persecutions, including especially those of us who are still blindly pursuing the deadly course of indifference to the sins of our age, have much to learn and profit from the example of the sufferings of our brothers and sisters within the Faith, at the hands of radical Islamists.

We hope that this article will primarily produce not shock, but rather the awareness and determination needed to move each of us to do all in our power to bring about the fulfillment of Our Lady's requests, before we all lose our lives in the most horrible persecution ever suffered by the Church.

The Following Report was written by James Hanisch

June 13 to 23, 2014

During these eleven days, Islamic militants manning roadway checkpoints in the outskirts of Mosul, Iraq kidnap eleven men. Two of these men, who lived in a village about one mile east of Mosul, were attempting to deliver food and supplies to a group of relatives in hiding, having fled the city.

The captives live in terror moment by moment throughout the few remaining days of their lives. Beatings with rifles and sticks often punctuate the hate-filled torrent of accusations and threats. Finally with hands tied behind their backs, all the men are driven to a remote “killing field” and executed.

The bodies are discarded on the grounds of an isolated cemetery in Mosul and in other abandoned areas of the city. A resident of Mosul recognizes the bodies of the two men, and sends word to their family of where the bodies lie, but the family members fear that if they go into the city to retrieve the bodies, they will meet the same fate.

With the help of another Sunni resident, the bodies are at last returned to the family. One relative told a representative of Human Rights Watch: “We cannot describe how these bodies looked

when we received them. Really they had been killed in a brutal manner. One of them was shot in the back of the head. I don’t know how many bullets, but many. The younger one, he was shot in his back and in the back of his head. And it appeared they had smashed his hands with a block.”¹¹

The Islamic militants responsible for these murders and for countless other daily atrocities are known to belong to a coalition called ISIS, whose members often proudly display a trademark black banner inscribed, “There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad is his prophet.”

The brutality and inhumanity of these “soldiers of god” stands out in sickening contrast to the glee with which they undertake “god’s work” of purging the world of unbelievers, chronicling in photos and videos their gory and torturous murders.

These recordings are typically posted on the Internet’s social media for the amusement of ISIS’ supporters and for the “edification” of unbelievers.

Religious persecution has been an uninterrupted element of the Church’s history, as Our Lord indicated would be the case: “The hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doth a service to God” (John 16:2). When we

think of persecutions of the Church, our modern minds turn more familiarly to the murderous atrocities committed in the wake of the Communist expansion of the past century, than to the similar atrocities committed in the Muslim incursions of previous centuries. But now in our own day, militant Islam is on the rise again, particularly in Africa and in the Middle East, bringing with it a mind-boggling degree of cruelty and sadism, all in the name of purging the world of infidels and non-believers for the glory of Allah.

AFRICA

Boko Haram is a militant Islamic organization affiliated with al-Qaeda, originating in the Borno region of (northeast) Nigeria. Since 2009, the sect has waged an armed offensive to establish a strict Sunni Islamic state throughout the northern regions of the country.

Boko Haram has several thousand fighting constituents, and is believed to be responsible for more than 10,000 deaths since 2009. They have gained complete control of much of the state of Borno, including a group of towns and key roads. Their success is owed in part to the funds and training that they receive through al-Qaeda. Also working in their

favor is the fact that they have managed to infiltrate the Nigerian army and police force.

On January 2, 2012, Boko Haram announced an ultimatum to Christians² and other non-Sunnis living in northern Nigeria to return to the south within three days. (Nigeria's enormous population, 174 million, is divided roughly evenly between Christians and Muslims, with some form of Sharia law – the Islamic moral and religious code – being in place throughout the northern half of the country.) Killing sprees began as scheduled three days later. To date, an estimated total of 650,000 Nigerians have been displaced from their homes by the terrorists.

Thousands of Nigerian Christians have lost their lives to Boko Haram, many times being targeted in church bombings such as those of Christmas Day 2011, and Easter Sunday 2012. They are routinely tortured and murdered, and their churches burned to the ground.

Christian villages and educational facilities are favorite targets for the Muslim militants – whose name, Boko Haram, means “Western learning is forbidden.”

(The Qur'an [i.e. the Koran] forbids the reading



ISIS militants are rising up in Syria and Iraq to fulfill their “obligation” to their god, who bids them: “Fight against those who do not believe in Allah, ... slay the idolaters wherever you find them, and take them captive and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush.” (verses 9:29 and 9:5 of the Koran, the so-called “holy” book of Islam.)

of any books other than itself, so public education is considered blasphemous.) In late February 2014, a state college in northeastern Nigeria was attacked and more than 60 Christian boys were burned alive in their dormitory. Forty students had been killed in a similar attack at a nearby state school in the previous September.

An Enduring Nightmare

On the night of April 14-15, 2014, members of Boko Haram kidnapped approximately 300 girls (the majority of whom are believed to have been Christians)

from the Government Secondary School in the remote town of Chibok, piling them into pickup trucks and driving off into the woods. In the following month, the kidnappers released a video showing the girls apparently engaged in Muslim prayers, and announced that the girls had already thus been liberated by their conversion to Islam. Rather than being released (the video went on to say), the girls would now be sold as slaves.

The raids, kidnappings, and slayings continue to escalate, to the point that in July of 2014, Nigeria was estimated to have

suffered the highest number of terrorist killings anywhere in the world over the past year. Most recently, on August 24, 2014, after enjoying weeks of successive unprecedented gains, Boko Haram's leader Abubaker Shekau proclaimed that he was establishing an Islamic Caliphate based in the Nigerian town of Gwoza, which had fallen to the terrorists earlier in the month.

Terrorists Better Armed

Even as of last February, well before the recent gains, the impossibility of putting down the terrorist uprising was openly discussed by public officials. After a brutal Sunday raid killing 106 people in the village of Izge, near Nigeria's eastern border with Cameroon, Governor Kashim Shettima lamented that despite the presence of the Nigerian army, Boko Haram remained able to "overrun communities and butcher innocent souls." (In the raid, Boko Haram had sprayed homes with bullets, set off explosives, and burned down dozens of houses.) As the governor publicly admitted: "Boko Haram are better armed and are better motivated than our own troops. Given the present state of affairs, it is absolutely impossible for us to defeat Boko Haram."³

SYRIA

The horrendous war in Syria, which in three and a half years has produced almost 200,000 casualties, has brought disaster to the world well beyond that country's borders. Western involvement aiding the insurgents toward overthrowing President Bashar al-Assad's regime has spawned a persecution of Christians by Sunni Islamists in the Middle East such as could hardly have been imagined.

ISIS (the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, which since June 2014 refers to itself as simply the Islamic State I.S.), originally formed in 2004, was a virtually defunct organization of radical Sunni Muslims as of 2011, at which time it conducted a mere six actions in the course of the whole year. But with Western funding and arms beginning in June 2013, it quickly emerged as an astonishingly successful military force, out of the West's control. Richard Walker explains:

"In June 2013, the so-called Friends of Syria – Britain, France, Germany, Turkey, America, and Saudi Arabia – promised Syrian opposition groups heavy weapons. Prominent among those groups was ISIS. It was an amalgam of extreme terror

organizations infamous for carrying out beheadings and large-scale killings. Secretary of State John Kerry, at a meeting of the Friends of Syria in Qatar, announced “all material” would be provided to the Syrian opposition. Since that time, ISIS has expanded its fight to include Iraq, exposing the foreign policy mistakes of Washington and its allies in believing it could contain and control the group.”⁴

Demonic Forces Join ISIS and al Nusra

Another militant Sunni organization affiliated with al-Qaeda and spawned by the same Western involvement in Syria is the al-Nusra Front, which announced its creation in January 2012. More than any others, these two demonic forces (ISIS and al-Nusra) have brought an utterly devastating persecution – kidnappings, torture, slaughter, mass murder – upon the Christians throughout Syria.

Every Christian presence has now been eradicated in a litany of Syrian towns and villages: in Maaraba (of Daraa, where the majority of all homes in the village have been looted by gunmen); in Namer (of Daraa, where the

last remaining Christian who had not fled was murdered); in Erbin (of Damascus, where all Christians have been displaced and the church was burned on Sept. 6, 2013); in Harasta (of Damascus, where all Christians have been displaced and their homes destroyed); in Ghassaniya (of Idlib, where no Christian presence remains after Father Francois Murad was killed by Al-Nusra gunmen); in the Monastery of Saint Simeon (of the village of Ghassaniya, which was looted by gunmen); in Jacobia (of Idlib); in Daria (of Damascus); in Al-Dwair (of Homs, a Christian village which dared to raise the Cross above its church, and which was stormed and destroyed – both the village and the church – by jihadists.

Many of the inhabitants were killed, most being women and children, throughout a hellish 24-hour period in which militants broke into houses and fired upon the Christian inhabitants. Finally the last remaining survivors were gathered for a mass execution in the central square, after the women were first raped).

Other Christian localities throughout Syria have also suffered and continue to endure horrifying attacks because of the
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MARY

Queen of Heaven and of Earth

This beautiful description of the role that the Blessed Trinity has placed upon the Blessed Virgin Mary is not just an inspiring reading but it shows the tremendous love that God and His Holy Mother have for mankind. The Virgin Mother extends gifts of bountiful graces and assistance to us in need. In Her Fatima Message, we also see that She offers a sinful world a complete solution to our many problems in these diabolical times. Her solution is the ONLY means for true peace and survival of Christians in this war-torn world.

The following has been taken from the 4th volume of the *Mystical City of God*, which was written by Venerable Mary of Agreda. It is a well-known narration of the life of Christ. This 4-volume book has received many documents of highest praise and approvals from the popes over the centuries. It has also been given an Imprimatur from the Vatican.

by Venerable Mary of Agreda

When Christ Jesus, the Savior, took leave of His disciples in order to enter upon His suffering, He told them not to be disturbed in their hearts on account of the things He had told them; because in the house of His Father, which is Eternal Happiness, there are many mansions.

He further assured them that there was room and reward for all, although the merits and their good works be diverse, and that no one should be disturbed in his

peace and hope, should he see others more favored or advanced; because in the house of God there are many grades and many dwellings in which each one shall be content with what shall belong to him without envy. I have said that Most Blessed Mary was assigned to the supreme position and state on the Throne of the Most Blessed Trinity.

We call that the Throne of the Divinity, from which God manifests Himself to the saints

as the principal cause of their glory and as the Infinite, Eternal God, independent of all things and on Whose will all creatures depend, from which He manifests Himself as the Lord, as the King, as the Judge and Master of all that is in existence.

The Dignity of Christ

This dignity that Christ the Redeemer possesses, in as far as He is God essentially, and as far as He is man through the hypostatic union, by which He communicates His Godhead to humanity. Hence, in Heaven He is the King, the Lord and Supreme Judge; and the saints, though their glory exceeds all human calculation, are as servants and inferiors of this inaccessible Majesty.

In this, the Most Holy Mary participates in a degree less inferior and in a manner otherwise ineffable and proportionate to a mere creature so closely related to the Godman. Therefore, She assists forever at the right hand of Her Son as Queen (Ps. 44:10), Lady and Mistress of all Creation, Her dominion extending as far as that of Her Divine Son, although in a different manner.



MARY – Our Protectress

Just as the Virgin Mary consoles and protects the Christ Child, She also pleads with us to turn to Her and accept the graces of consolation, protection and salvation She offers for mankind.

After placing the Most Blessed Mary on this exalted and supereminent Throne, the Lord declared to the Courtiers of Heaven all the privileges She should enjoy in virtue of this participation in His Majesty.

The Most Holy Trinity Speaks

The Person of the Eternal Father, as the first principle of all things, speaking to the angels and saints, said to them:

“Our Daughter, Mary, was chosen according to Our pleasure from amongst all creatures, the first one to delight Us, and Who never fell from the title and position of a True Daughter, such as We had given Her in Our Divine Mind. She has a claim on Our dominion, which We shall recognize by crowning Her as the legitimate and peerless Lady and Sovereign.” **The Incarnate Word said:** “To My True and Natural Mother belong all the creatures which were created and redeemed by Me; and of all things over which I am King. She, too, shall be the legitimate and Supreme Queen.”

The Holy Ghost Speaks:

“Since She (Mary) is called My Beloved and Chosen Spouse, She deserves to be crowned as Queen for all eternity.”

Having thus spoken, the Three Divine Persons placed upon the head of the Most Blessed Mary a crown of such new splendor and value, that the like has been seen neither before nor after by any mere creature.

At the same time, a voice sounded from the Throne saying:

“My Beloved, chosen among the creatures, Our kingdom is Thine; Thou shalt be the Lady and the Sovereign of the Seraphim, of all the Ministering Spirits, the Angels and of the entire universe of creatures.”

“Attend, proceed and govern prosperously over them, for, in Our Supreme Consistory, We give Thee power, majesty and sovereignty. Being filled with grace beyond all the rest, Thou has humiliated Thyself in Thy Own estimation to the lowest place; receive now the Supreme Dignity deserved by Thee and, as a participation in our Divinity, the dominion over all the creatures of Our Omnipotence.”

“From Thy Royal Throne to the centre of the earth Thou shalt reign; and by the power We now give Thee, Thou shalt subject hell with its demons and inhabitants. Let all of them fear Thee as the Supreme Empress and Mistress of those caverns and dwelling-places of our enemies.”

“In Thy hands and at Thy pleasure, We place the influences and forces of the

heavens, the moisture of the clouds, the growths of the earth; and of all of them do Thou distribute according to Thy Will.”

“Our Own Will shall be at Thy disposal for the execution of Thy wishes. Thou shalt be the special Patroness of the Catholic countries; and whenever they, or the faithful, or any of the children of Adam call upon Thee from their heart, serve or oblige Thee, Thou shalt relieve and help them in their labor and necessities. Thou shalt be the Friend, the Defender and the Chieftainess of all the just and of Our friends. All of them, Thou shalt comfort, console and fill with blessings according to their devotion to Thee.”

“In view of all this We make Thee the Depositary of Our riches, the Treasurer of Our goods; we place into Thy hands the helps and blessings of Our grace for distribution.”

“Nothing do We wish to be given to the world, which does not pass through Thy hands; and nothing do We deny, which Thou wishest to concede to men. Grace shall be diffused in Thy lips for obtaining all that Thou wishest

and ordained in Heaven and on Earth. Everywhere shall Angels and men obey Thee; because whatever is Ours shall be Thine, just as Thou hast always been Ours; and Thou shalt reign with Us forever.”

God Commanded Obedience to Mary as Queen

In the execution of this decree and privilege conceded to the Mistress of the World, the Almighty commanded all the Courtiers of Heaven, angels and men, to show Her obedience and recognize Her as their Queen and Lady. There was another mystery concealed in this wonder. Namely, it was a recompense for the worship and veneration, which, as is clear from this history, the Most Blessed Mary, notwithstanding that She was the Mother of God, full of grace and holiness above the angels and saints, had bestowed upon the saints during Her mortal pilgrimage.

Mary's Great Humility

Although during the time when they were comprehensors and She yet a pilgrim, it was for Her greater merit that She should humble Herself beneath them, all according to the ordainment of the Lord. Yet now, when She was in possession of the Kingdom,

it was just that She should be venerated, worshipped and extolled by them as Her inferiors and vassals. This, they also did, in that most blessed state, in which all things are reduced to their proper proportion and order.

Angels and Blessed Souls Pay Homage to Mary

Both the angelic spirits and the blessed souls, while rendering their adoration to the Lord with fear and worshipful reverence, rendered a like homage in its proportion to His Most Blessed Mother. The saints who were there in their bodies prostrated themselves and gave bodily signs of their worship. All these demonstrations at the Coronation of the Empress of Heaven redounded wonderfully to Her glory, to the new joy and jubilee of the saints and to the pleasure of the Most Blessed Trinity.

Altogether festive was this day, and it produced new accidental glory in all the heavens. Those that partook more especially therein were Her most fortunate spouse Saint Joseph, Saint Joachim and Anne and all the other relatives of the Queen, together with the thousand angels of Her guard.

Within the glorious body of the Queen, over Her Heart was visible to the saints a small globe or obstrance of singular

beauty and splendor, which particularly roused and rouses their admiration and joy. It was there in testimony and reward of Her having afforded to the Sacramental Word an acceptable resting place and sanctuary, and of Her having received Holy Communion so worthily, purely and holily, without any defect or imperfection and with a devotion, love and reverence attained by none other of the Saints.

In regard to the other rewards and crowns corresponding to Her peerless works and virtues, nothing that can be said could give any idea, and therefore I refer it to the Beatific Vision, where each one shall perceive them in proportion as his doings and his devotion shall have merited.

The Transition of Our Queen happened on the thirteenth of August, while Her Resurrection, Assumption and Coronation happened on Sunday the fifteenth, on the day in which it is celebrated in the Church. Her Sacred Body remained in the sepulchre thirty-six hours, just as the body of Her Divine Son; for Her Transition and Her Resurrection took place in the same hours of the day.

According to the computation given above, I advert that this miracle happened in the year

of Our Lord fifty-five, which had advanced as many days as intervene between the Nativity of the Lord and the fifteenth of August.

We have left the Great Lady at the right hand of Her Divine Son, reigning through all the Ages of Eternity.

Our Lady's Words of Advice to Us All


“My Daughter, if anything could lessen the enjoyment of the Highest Felicity and Glory which I possess, and if, in it, I could be capable of any sorrow, without a doubt I would be grieved to see the Holy Church and the rest of the world in its present state of labor, notwithstanding that men know Me to be their Mother, Advocate and Protectress in Heaven, ready to guide and assist them to Eternal Life.”

“In this state of affairs, when the Almighty has granted Me so many privileges as His Mother and when there are so many sources of help placed in My hands solely for the benefit of mortals and belonging to me as the Mother of clemency, it is a great cause of sorrow to Me to see mortals force Me to remain idle, and that, for want of calling upon Me, so many

souls should be lost.”

“But if I cannot experience grief now, I may justly complain of men, that they load themselves with eternal damnation and refuse Me the glory of saving their souls.”

“How much My intercession and the power I have in Heaven is worth has never been hidden in the Church, for I have demonstrated My ability to save all by so many thousands of miracles, prodigies and favors operated on behalf of those devoted to Me.”

“With those who have called upon Me in their needs I have always shown Myself liberal, and the Lord has shown Himself liberal to them on My account. The Most High still wishes to give liberally of His Infinite Treasures and resolves to favor those who know how to gain My intercession before God. This is the secure way and the powerful means of advancing the Church, of improving the Catholic reigns, of spreading the Faith, of furthering the welfare of families and of states, of bringing the souls to grace and to the friendship of God.”

Queen of Heaven Pray for Us

Antonio Socci's Latest Evidence:

Sister Lucy Biography Reveals Missing Third Secret Text

Once again Antonio Socci finds himself in the thick of the mystery of the Third Secret of Fatima. His August 17 column on a recently published biography of Sister Lucia, produced by the Sisters of the Convent in Coimbra, discusses an astonishing new revelation in that text regarding what must be the missing explanation by the Virgin Herself of the meaning of the enigmatic vision of the “Bishop dressed in White” published in 2000.

The silence of the Sisters in response to pointed inquiries about this new revelation speaks volumes. As Socci says, another little piece of the truth has come to light, adding to the mountain of evidence of a cover-up. Herewith my translation of Socci's explosive article (with slight editing for punctuation).
... Christopher A. Ferrara.

Apocalyptic News from Fatima

The Latest Mystery – The Silence of the Sisters But WHO is Silencing Them...?

by Antonio Socci

There is a new development in the detective story of the “Third Secret of Fatima,” a prophecy that runs throughout the 20th century and seems to be hurtling toward its final fulfillment.

This breaking news is contained in an official publication of the Convent of Coimbra, where

Sister Lucia dos Santos, the last visionary, lived and died (in 2005). It is a new book entitled “Un caminho sob o olhar de Maria” (“A Path Under the Gaze of Mary”) and it is a biography of Sister Lucy, written by her fellow sisters with precious unpublished documents from the same visionary. Before looking at



Sister Lucy of Fatima suffered gravely before she could bring herself to write down the Third Secret, which has never been fully revealed. Now, 60 years later, Sister Lucy's biography reveals that there truly is a missing text which explains the vision of the "Bishop dressed in White."

these new facts, it is necessary to remember well what is the Fatima event.

The Story of a Century

In the midst of the conflagration of the Great War, on May 13, 1917, the Madonna appeared, in the Portuguese village, to three shepherd children.

The lay newspapers laughed at the "patsies" trusting in the Virgin to give a public sign of her presence. She pre-announced to the three children that she would give a sign, and in the final apparition, that of October

13, seventy thousand terrified people, gathered in the Cova da Iria, witnessed the spinning of the sun in the sky [and then plunging toward the earth] – a phenomenon that, the day after, was reported by the newspapers (even the anticlerical ones).

In the apparition of July 13, the Madonna had entrusted to the children a message for the whole world. It was the great prophecy concerning the coming decades if humanity did not turn to God.

In fact, it would all be realized: the Bolshevik Revolution in

Russia, the spread of communism in the world, the bloody persecutions of the Church and, finally, the tragic Second World War. There was also a third part of the Secret that had to be revealed – said the Madonna – in 1960. Arriving at that date, John XXIII hid the whole thing, so terrible were its contents.

He thus provoked a jumble of hypotheses. In 2000, John Paul made known the text of the Third Secret that contains the famous vision of the “Bishop dressed in white,” with the Pope who traverses a destroyed city, the many dead bodies, and then the martyrdom of the Holy Father, of bishops, priests and faithful.

From many elements one could discern that it [the vision] was not everything. Even I, among other authors, published a book, “The Fourth Secret of Fatima,” wherein I showed that a part was missing, written down and sent later, with the words of the Madonna which explained the same vision.

The very secretary to John XXIII, Monsignor Capovilla, who had seen everything first hand, in a conversation with Solideo Paolini hinted at the existence of that mysterious “attachment.” On the part of the ecclesiastical party it is officially denied that it exists and that there are prophecies

regarding these days.

Pope Benedict XVI Speaks in 2010

But a resounding explicit confirmation came from Benedict XVI himself, who, during an unexpected pilgrimage to Fatima on May 13, 2010, affirmed: “He deceives himself who thinks that the prophetic mission of Fatima is concluded.”

He added: “There are indicated future realities of the Church which little by little are manifesting themselves... and therefore it is the sufferings of the Church which are announced.”

But could such prophecies be found in that text [of the vision]?

These following two phrases of the Pope in that discourse at Fatima also prompt reflection: “Man has the power to unleash a cycle of death and terror, but he is not able to stop it.” And then: “The faith in vast regions of the earth risks being extinguished, like a flame without fuel.”

From these words of Pope Benedict one discerns, therefore, that there is truly something else in the Third Secret and that it is dramatic for the world and the Church. Perhaps it is precisely due to that visit by the Pope that this book (of the Sisters) was released, from which another precious little

piece of the truth filters out.

The volume in fact draws from the letters of Sister Lucy and from the unpublished diary “My Way”. Impressive, among things previously unpublished, is the account of how Sister Lucy overcame the terror that prevented her from writing down the Third Secret.

The Unpublished Account

At around 4 p.m. on January 3, 1944, in the chapel of the convent, before the Tabernacle, Lucia asked Jesus to make known His will: “I then felt a friendly hand, maternal and affectionate, touch my shoulder.”

And the Mother of God said to her: “Be at peace, and write what I have commanded you, but not, however, that which has been given to you to understand its meaning,” intending to allude to the meaning of the vision which the Virgin herself had revealed.

Immediately afterward, said Sister Lucia, “I felt my spirit inundated by a mystery of light that is God and in Him I saw and heard: the point of a lance like a flame that is detached, touches the axis of the earth, and it trembles: mountains, cities, towns and villages with their inhabitants are buried. The sea, the rivers, the clouds, exceed

their boundaries, inundating and dragging with them, in a vortex, houses and people in a number that cannot be counted. It is the purification of the world from the sin in which it is immersed. Hatred, ambition, provoke the destructive war. After I felt my racing heart, in my spirit a soft voice said: ‘In time, one faith, one baptism, one Church, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic. In eternity, Heaven!’ This word ‘Heaven’ filled my heart with peace and happiness in such a way that, almost without being aware of it, I kept repeating to myself for a long time: Heaven, Heaven.”

The unpublished material from which I have just quoted is a very interesting document, from which those who are knowledgeable can easily find confirmation of the historical reconstruction according to which the Third Secret is composed of two parts: one, the vision, was written and sent first, while the other — that which, in the words of the Virgin, is “the meaning” of the vision — was written and sent later.

And also the famous and mysterious “attachment” of which Capovilla hinted. And the text, as yet unpublished, where presumably resides the part that most frightened Sister Lucia. The same part that frightened John XXIII (but also, before him, Pius

XII) and which Roncalli decided not to make public because – according to him — it could be only a thought of Sister Lucia’s that did not have a supernatural origin.

And a part so explosive that its existence continues officially to be denied. And the opening by Benedict XVI in 2010, which led as well to the publication of this volume, is today reopened.

Who Silenced the Good Sisters?

This is demonstrated by what happened to Solideo Paolini, the great Italian scholar of Fatima, who, reviewing the pages of this book, which I sent him, wrote to the Convent in Coimbra requesting to be able to consult the two unpublished works mentioned in the volume, believing that therein are further details on the hidden part.

The letter arrived at its destination (as is attested by the receipt), but had no reply. Paolini then wrote again, entering into the merits and asking whether Sister Lucia had ever put on paper the “meaning of the vision,” which it had been given to her to understand from on High, and which on the 3rd of January she had avoided writing down at the suggestion of the Madonna: “In the works that I asked you to

consult is there any reference to ‘something more’ regarding the Third Secret of Fatima, as yet unpublished verbatim?”

The letter was received on June 6. But it too had no answer. Yet it would have been easy to say no. Evidently, the answer was “yes,” but could not be given because it would have been explosive. So, they are silent.

Nevertheless, the vision I have just cited refers back to the two elements that presumably are contained in the unpublished text of the Secret: the prophecy of an immense catastrophe for the world and a great apostasy in the Church. An apocalyptic trial at the end of which — said the Madonna herself at Fatima — “my Immaculate Heart will triumph.”

To this hoped for “triumph” Pope Benedict made reference in 2010: “May the seven years which separate us from the centenary of the Apparitions (2017) hasten the prophesied triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the glory of the Most Holy Trinity.”

Does this mean that today, in 2014, we have already entered into the terrible trial? In fact, if you read the news...

Antonio Socci

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CRUCIAL TRUTHS

To Save Your Soul

EDITOR'S NOTE: Father Gruner's book, *Crucial Truths to Save Your Soul*, is a God-send. Clearly, it is THE book for our times – a MUST reading for every man, woman and child.

The world has been crying out for some hope, some logic, some sense of reasoning and finally – this is what we have been waiting for. In my work as Editor of *The Fatima Crusader*, I read the pleas, felt the tears and heard the begging of good Catholic people – “How can I know who to follow?” “Who can I believe?” “I am worried – what I hear these days is contrary to all I was taught by my good priests in the past.” “Do I dare to question a priest, a bishop, a Cardinal, even a Pope?”

And Father Gruner, in a clear and concise manner, gives us the answer we have all been seeking – “Stick to the TRUTH!”... and in his book, he shows us HOW.

By The Fatima Center Staff

Many of us know of Father Gruner as the publisher of some of the most pivotal books of our time – Frère Michel's *The Whole Truth About Fatima*, Father Paul Kramer's *The Devil's Final Battle*, and Christopher Ferrara's *The Secret Still Hidden*, to name but a few. But if you thought those books were powerful, just wait until you see how hard-hitting Father Gruner can be when he speaks

for himself!

Immaculate Heart Publications is proud to bring into print a new book authored by Father Gruner, *Crucial Truths to Save Your Soul*. It is simply impossible to gauge the force and importance of this priceless book until you hold it in your own hands and read from Father Gruner's own pen the straight truth about our situation, and – more importantly – about

the remedy for the confusion in the Church today.

The Faithful Are an Easy Prey Without Our Lady's Battle Plan

In the still-hidden Third Secret, Our Lady of Fatima surely did not merely warn us that the dogma of the Faith was going to be lost in various parts of the world, with the noted exception of Portugal: "In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved...."

Our Lady must have gone on to show the faithful **how to preserve their faith** in these times of diabolic disorientation. Our Lady of Fatima's Third Secret includes a battle plan for the faithful in these perilous times, a solution to the danger of so many wolves in sheep's clothing who are undermining the Catholic Faith, the very basis of our salvation.

It has been demonstrated, for instance, in various issues of *The Fatima Crusader* that there is no lack of evidence or testimony that Our Lady's Secret warns explicitly against the disastrous effects of an "evil Council" and of alterations to the rite of Holy Mass.

But we have not been allowed to hear Our Lady's words. One of the deadliest tactics of the false shepherds who have infiltrated the Church has been to refuse to publish the Third Secret.

Without Our Lady's warning, the too-trusting and too-languid faithful have been for the most part an easy prey for those who sought to rob them of authentic Catholic teachings. Father Gruner explains:

"There is much confusion today about what the Church actually teaches. Many Catholics have learned, for example, that with a little shopping around, they can find a priest who will tell them that there is no sin for married couples to use contraceptives. Yet decades before this same unnatural sin became the pandemic that it is today even among practicing Catholics, the Catholic Church had made its teaching absolutely clear and explicit: Every instance of thus frustrating the natural end and procreative power of the marital act is grievously sinful, as Pope Pius XI declared in his 1930 encyclical *Casti connubii*.

"In our perverse age, it is only those who love the Truth who will be saved. The rest will have no difficulty finding all manner of salves for their conscience, making it easy to exclude God from their lives. Soon they will not even be aware that they have begun to believe the lies which they

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preferred to the truth! Having chosen for themselves the seduction of iniquity, they will be handed over by God to a deceiving influence. (2 Thess. 2:10) God will not be mocked by our craftiness in throwing off His Commandments. ‘With the sincere, God is sincere; with the astute, God is astute.’” (Ps. 17:26)” (pp. xxvii-xxviii).

Demands for a False Obedience

The Church has been devastated throughout the past half-century by the false obedience of misguided “dutiful” Catholics to a faux “living magisterium” at odds with the Church’s true Magisterium. Father Gruner demonstrates how the snare of false obedience has been used to change the beliefs of Catholics, in order that the dogma of the Faith will no longer be preserved almost anywhere in this world.

“I have no problem of conscience in contradicting a Cardinal, even the Vatican Secretary of State, if I know that what he’s saying is false. Everyone else should have the same conviction and the same ease of decision, but for some reason that is not the case. Most people seem to think that – out of some distorted view of loyalty or obedience

– they have to go along with a falsehood. This is not of God. This is of the devil.” (p. 16)

“So many Catholics seem to have the idea, ‘If the Pope said it, you have to obey. Period.’ No, if the Pope commands something within his jurisdiction, we have to obey. There is a limit to the Pope’s authority.

“The authority given to the Pope and to the bishops is not a power to confine the Gospel, but to preach the Gospel. They don’t have any authority to hinder the Gospel. That’s the reality, and that’s what the people have to understand. It’s not enough for a churchman just to say something, and suddenly it’s law. No, he can command only in matters within his jurisdiction and only within reason for the common good of the Church.

“It is not enough for true Catholics to say, ‘Oh, well, we have to accept whatever the Pope and bishops say.’ No, that is no service at all to Our Lord or to the Church.” (pp. xv-xvi)

“In all manner of things, including ambiguities of the Second Vatican Council and the imposition of the New Rite of Mass, Catholics who look to unworthy Church leaders with simplicity and trust have



Father Gruner travels worldwide proclaiming the full Message of Fatima and its urgency as well as the truths of the Holy Catholic Faith. Our Lady is known to have granted special favors to those who pray the Holy Rosary together and particularly in public procession of Her Holy Image. Above, Father Gruner takes our Pilgrim Virgin statue to India.

been beguiled. These leaders insist that the Council's novelties are authoritative Catholic teaching, and that it is forbidden to go to the Traditional Mass, but they don't dare to actually decree what they know is not true, and what is impossible in Catholic dogma and Church law.

"No Pope since the time of the Second Vatican Council has ever come out and said, 'I declare, define, and pronounce that everything proposed in the Council documents is

Catholic dogma.' They don't dare attempt such a thing. And yet they do say: 'You must *obey*. You must sincerely accept in your heart with religious submission whatever the Council has taught.'

"That's false! Saint Thomas explains why nothing false can come under the virtue of faith. We cannot be commanded to believe something that is false. They are asking for a sinful false obedience, and Catholics need to be able to recognize this distinction." (p. xviii)

A Theology of Resistance

Catholics of all ages have had this warning from Our Lord Himself, to beware of false shepherds – those who come to us in the clothing of sheep, as if within the fold of the Faith, but inwardly are ravening wolves who would destroy our supernatural life by robbing us of the faith that is the foundation of our salvation.

Examples and admonitions abound both in Sacred Scripture and in Church history of our duty to resist false teachers, whether they be bishops of the Catholic Church (Acts 20:30) or even an angel from Heaven (Gal. 1:8).

Our Duty to Resist Heresy

Resistance to heresy is a **Catholic duty**, even when (tragically) those heresies are preached from the pulpits in our own churches or published by our Church leaders. Protestants revolt, but **faithful Catholics resist the abuse of authority in the Church**.

What is needed, then, is a clear explanation of the ***theology of resistance***, particularly as it applies to our own day, showing the faithful on what basis they can distinguish and avoid the false teachings of bad bishops and

priests. What is needed today, and what Father Gruner details in ***Crucial Truths***, is a way back, a path out of the diabolic lies and confusion that have settled over the Church like a black cloud since the days of the Second Vatican Council.

Crucial Truths A Survivor's Handbook

Catholics need a survival handbook that explains the Church's true Rule of Faith in simple terms, so that at least on an individual basis (both for ourselves and for our loved ones) we can begin to reconstruct what has been lost or distorted.

“Our faith is in danger today from more than just the base influences of the world, the flesh, and the devil. In our time, we are in danger even from influences within the Church. Our faith is undermined by the bad example of our fellow Catholics, and even by the most insidious snares laid by bad Cardinals, bishops, priests, and religious. In this time of diabolic disorientation, when even the elect could be deceived (if that were possible), we must be on our guard against the lies of a false, betraying clergy, lest we be taken in and lost for our sloth, our spiritual laziness,

our lack of effort to learn, understand, and live the truth of the Catholic Faith.” (pp. xxx-xxxi)

“The failure of so many Catholics to grasp this distinction between the Church’s true authoritative teachings, as opposed to mere musings of persons in positions of authority, is what has given such impetus to the confusion and divisions within the Church today.

And this, in a few words, is what the Third Secret is about – the need to adhere to the defined dogmas of Catholic Faith, in spite of a growing apostasy having its roots in the bad example of many of the Church’s upper hierarchy. Catholics must know and understand the dogmas of Faith (to the extent that we are able), and to live and defend them, in order not to be deceived by blind leaders in the Church who deny and undermine these dogmas.” (page 97)

The Saints and Church History Reinforce Our Faith

One of the most unique aspects of **Crucial Truths** is the extent to which little-known stories of the saints and of Church history are used to reinforce the lessons

discussed. There is nothing so instructive, convincing, and memorable as a well-chosen true story, and Father has dedicated an entire chapter of his book to relating in detail the potential or real disasters that took place at various points in history through the imprudence or errors of Church leaders, such as under Pope Honorius I, Pope Paschal II, and Pope John XXII. The lessons are unforgettable.

“Yes, it is an historical fact that bishops and even Popes and Councils can make errors which are potentially disastrous for the Church, and which the faithful are bound to resist.”

“Popes as well as bishops can and too often have failed in their sacred duty to defend the dogmas of the Faith, and a Pope can even teach heresy in non-binding ways. But the Church’s dogmatic definitions can never fail. That is why God has provided us with these definitions through the infallible Magisterium of His Church, so that in times of crisis we will always be able to find the truth.

“By a special grace, Popes are preserved from error *when they are defining dogma*, but at all other times even the Popes can fall into errors.

“There has been no lack of examples in our own time of false teachings being advanced by high-ranking Church authorities, and undermining the faith of vast numbers of Catholics.

The faithful need to understand, for their own safety, that it is the *definitions* that carry the Church’s timeless and authoritative guarantee of infallibility, not the latest utterances of those who happen to hold positions of authority in the Church. What the Holy Ghost has guaranteed through the Church’s infallible definitions to be the true Christian teaching will always be true, regardless of whether or not future generations of Catholics – even churchmen – persevere in professing that true Faith.” (pp. 96-97)

We desperately need such plain speaking now, as Our Lady’s warnings continue to go unheeded by the vast majority of the Church’s clergy and laity alike.


Our Lady of Fatima predicted all too accurately what would be the result of despising Her Message and requests: **a loss of faith**, and therefore also the **loss of countless souls**. As Father Gruner makes plain, “If we lose

the Faith that the Church has always taught, we lose our souls!” (p. xv)

Not having the day-by-day guidance of trustworthy pastors, the faithful need a readable explanation of the basics of dogmatic theology, so they can distinguish for themselves the unchangeable dogmas of Faith from the lying novelties of Modernism. Crucial Truths is that book.

Father Gruner has given us an incomparable book for restoring clarity to the thinking of the faithful, and for leading well-meaning Catholics out of the diabolic confusion besetting many of us today. It is **the book** that is most likely to make the difference in the lives and minds of those whom we have long prayed for and sought to bring out of their disorientation.

Every reader of *The Fatima Crusader* will treasure this timely book by Father Gruner, so much so that they will be loath to part with their own copy in spite of wanting to share it with all of their loved ones and acquaintances.

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Fatima Center Volunteer Succeeds:

Fatima Center *L'Osservatore di Fatima* Put Direct into Pope's Hands!

When Pope Francis announced last August that he would consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the coming October 13th (2013), The Fatima Center responded by preparing a beautiful newspaper (formatted similarly to the Vatican's newspaper, *L'Osservatore Romano*) to prepare the people and pilgrims of Rome for the event. It was essential to use that papal initiative of a consecration to the Immaculate Heart, to effectively draw the attention of the Church at large to the fact that Our Lady of Fatima is still awaiting the **Consecration of Russia**, and that our very lives and souls lay in the balance as the fulfillment of Our Lady's request continues to be delayed.

Our readers will recall (see *The Fatima Crusader*, [Issue #107](#))

that The Fatima Center's staff worked very hard to distribute 200,000 copies of our special Italian edition of the newspaper, *L'Osservatore di Fatima* ("The Fatima Observer"), throughout Rome.

Many Volunteers Many Hands

Many volunteers joined hands with our regular staff members to put this crucial and thorough explanation of Our Lady of Fatima's request for the Consecration of Russia into the hands of clergy and laity alike – and not just at St. Peter's Square, but along the streets of Rome and even house to house. Finally, after days of hard work, at the close of the Saturday evening ceremony, Father Gruner met Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella (the President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the

New Evangelization, who had been in charge of organizing the weekend) just outside the colonnade of St. Peter's Basilica, and he handed the Archbishop a copy of the newspaper. The Archbishop responded that he had already been given a copy and that he had read it the day before!

Father Gabriel Amorth Famous Vatican Exorcist

The front page of *L'Osservatore di Fatima* (O.F.) features a photo of Father Gabriel Amorth and an article in his own words, headlined "The Most Famous Vatican Exorcist Says that the Consecration of Russia Has Not Yet Been Performed". *O.F.* had twelve pages of hard-hitting articles and photos summarizing the true and undiluted Message of Fatima. The newspaper's message is clear: The Consecration of Russia has not been done, and the entire world is in peril as a result!

We knew that we had reached high-level churchmen in the Vatican with Our Lady's Message. Now if only we could get a copy into the Pope's own hands...

Michael Lucci, a volunteer for The Fatima Center who lives in Rome, found an opportunity to do just that during the Pope's recent visit to the University of

Molise in Campobasso (in south-central Italy). On the morning of Saturday, July 5th, Michael was among the crowd greeting the Pope upon his arrival at the university, and Michael had gone to great lengths to be within reach of the Holy Father when the time came. Arriving in Campobasso by train at 11:00 on the previous night, he had spent the night in prayer in a local park and walking the neighborhood streets, offering his Rosaries in particular for the success of the morning's venture.

At one point during the night, Michael encountered some policemen who wondered what he was up to. At the end of their exchange, the policemen left with a copy of *L'Osservatore di Fatima*!

At last the dawn came, and Michael was at the university's heliport before 6:00 a.m. He was the first person on the scene, and he went to wait out the final hours in what he considered to be the most favorable spot for his purpose. As the appointed time drew near, Michael noticed that all the others who were congregating in that same prime area in which he stood had media passes. Arriving so early, he had unknowingly secured a place in a restricted area!

The Pope arrived as scheduled at 8:45 a.m., and an entourage of



Michael Lucci (left, wearing a blue shirt and white cap) seizes his opportunity to put a copy of The Fatima Center's *L'Osservatore di Fatima* (a newspaper-style summary of the Message of Fatima) directly into the Pope's hands.

Pope Francis paused to read a prominent headline quoting Father Gabriele Amorth: "The Most Famous Vatican Exorcist Says that the Consecration of Russia Has Not Yet Been Performed." We must all pray very much for the Holy Father. Our time grows shorter with each passing day in which Our Lady's request for the Consecration of Russia continues to be ignored!

selected clergymen and security guards emerged from the 15-seat papal helicopter. Last of all the Holy Father emerged and made his way to the Popemobile. As the open-air vehicle idled along the lane leading into the university grounds, the Holy Father moved from one side of the vehicle to the other, shaking hands and greeting the faithful. Michael hoped that the Pope's timing would be such as to allow a meeting of their

hands, but as Providence would have it, Michael and those in his immediate vicinity were passed by without an opportunity to physically reach the Pope. Working his way back out of the crowd and away from the lane, Michael knew that it would not be difficult to get ahead of the slow-moving Popemobile for another chance at reaching the Holy Father. Finding a similarly favorable position within the

crowds ahead, however, would be a different matter.

Running ahead then along the Pope's route, Michael tried again to find a place along the very edge of the crowd where the Pope would pass. Working his way into a tightly pressed throng of people, all of whom were anxiously edging their way as close as possible to the designated boundary line for spectators, Michael found himself part of an undulating gel of humanity. Pressed on all sides, it became as much an issue to keep one's footing as it was to watch the Holy Father's approach.

A Perfect Opportunity

The Popemobile made its way toward Michael again, and as at last it was about to come alongside him, Michael saw that this time the Pope was looking toward his side of the lane. Francis seemed to have his eyes on a mother and child (a little 3- or 4-year-old boy in his mother's arms) standing very near to Michael. All indications were that the Pope would single out the little boy for a blessing, after which Michael would have a perfect opportunity to put our newspaper into the Pope's hands.

But the crowd behind them surged in anticipation of the Pope's gesture, and Michael was propelled ahead of the mother

and child, blocking the Pope's line of sight with the little boy! Sure enough, seeing that the child on Michael's side was now out of reach, Francis turned to the other side of the lane, and embraced a six-month old baby on that side!

With this new setback, Michael now felt that he had two tasks to accomplish – not just to give the *L'Osservatore di Fatima* to the Pope, but also to draw the Holy Father's attention back toward the crestfallen mother whose little son Pope Francis was about to greet before Michael was interposed between them.

As Francis turned back toward Michael's side of the lane after embracing the baby on the opposite side, Michael seized his chance. "Holy Father! One moment, please!" he called out. Pope Francis looked directly at Michael. "There's a little boy here!" And making a sideward gesture with his head (the best he could manage in the press of the crowd), Michael pointed out to him the expectant little boy.

Quickly sensing the Pope's wish, a guard walking alongside the Popemobile lifted the child up for the Holy Father, who kissed the boy on the top of his head. Then Michael added, "And I have something for you!" Addressing the attending guard, Michael

said, "Please give this to the Pope." Giving the little boy back to the guard, Francis reached forward himself and took the *L'Osservatore di Fatima* from Michael's hand into his own!

Then visibly giving his whole attention to the newspaper, Francis looked at the picture of Father Amorth and read the adjacent headline declaring that the Consecration of Russia has yet to be accomplished.

Raising his eyes again, Francis looked directly at Michael with a deep and penetrating expression. Michael felt that perhaps the Pope was trying to tell him he understood but needed more support.

Michael continued: "He was not dismissive. He did not try to hurriedly put it away. He seemed to give an unspoken acknowledgment that he understands Our Lady's Message."


One of the bystanders was so taken by the scene that he asked Michael afterwards, "Does the Pope know you?" Michael felt that possibly the Holy Father's thoughts had gone to a different level in the moment of recognition. The reference to the fact of Our Lady's request had hopefully pierced the veneer of just exchanging anonymous greetings.

Michael concluded:

"I came away with a greater hope that if we all pray enough, Pope Francis might be moved to make the Consecration of Russia. It is already very late, but with enough people actively behind this cause, we can make it happen before it is too late."

The Pope's Need For Prayers

This incident reminds us of the Holy Father's need for our prayers, and of Our Lord's exchange with Sister Lucy, in which He explained to her His reason for insisting that the Holy Father make the Consecration of Russia before Heaven grants the grace of its conversion. (The reason being, in Our Lord's words: "Because I want My whole Church to acknowledge that consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that it may extend its cult later on, and put the devotion to this Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My Sacred Heart.") And to Sister Lucy's objection that the Holy Father would probably not act unless Our Lord Himself moved him with a special inspiration, Jesus answered:

"The Holy Father, Pray very much for the Holy Father. He will do it, but it will be late!" 

Part II

FATIMA: Roadblocks and Breakthroughs

This article is a continuation, from [Issue 107](#) of *The Fatima Crusader*. It is an edited transcript of Father Gruner's opening-day [speech](#) at the **FATIMA: The Path to Peace!** Conference.

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In the first part of this article, I discussed some of the various kinds of obstacles which stand in the way of Our Lady of Fatima's Message and requests. These obstacles range from positive opposition to Our Lady's Message (whether from enemies of the Church, or even from Catholics themselves, both clerical and lay) to a simple negligence on the part of too many Catholics who have failed to give Our Lady of Fatima the attention and the importance that She deserves.

Another problem or roadblock is that so many people today are fearful of associating themselves with the full Message of Fatima. Why they should be fearful of embracing Heaven's offer for our preservation, I can't understand. They do not want to listen to anything about Fatima that has been called

into question by Our Lady of Fatima's false friends. (See the book, *False Friends of Fatima* by Christopher Ferrara, to learn who are these false friends and what are their tactics against Fatima.) So we need to find a way to get through to these unfortunate people, despite their fears and diabolical disorientation.

Breaking the Silence

We have also spoken about the problem of silence, the shroud of silence that lies over the whole Message in so many Catholic parishes and schools and publications.

Pope Pius XI is a good example to us in our efforts to overcome this roadblock. He realized his duty to speak out time and time again against the evils of Communism, and he denounced the "conspiracy of silence" of Western democracies

which refused to raise their voices against the Communist persecution of Catholics.

Pius XI Denounces Communism

In 1937, the last year of Pius XI's pontificate, he wrote his encyclical *Divini Redemptoris*, "On Atheistic Communism." He had already denounced the evils of Communism, forcefully and repeatedly, throughout his pontificate – in a special Allocution of 1924, and again in five subsequent Encyclical Letters – and yet he knew that even after having given us all those warnings, he had not done enough.

In this final encyclical on the subject, he said that he was ***doing no more than his duty that he was bound to do – as Pope – to speak out yet again*** about such a grave threat to the very existence of Christian civilization.

As a pastor of souls, ***he was morally bound to speak up, again and again and again***, as long as the threat persisted.

Why? Because (as he realized) people needed to hear this same message from him over and over, for the sake of effectively averting this terrible danger to their lives and souls. He wrote:

"Communism is intrinsically

perverse, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever. ...

"In the face of such a threat, the Catholic Church could not and does not remain silent. This Apostolic See, above all, has not refrained from raising its voice, for it knows that its proper and social mission is ***to defend truth***, justice, and all those eternal values which Communism ignores or attacks. ...

"Our Predecessors overtly and explicitly drew the attention of the world to the consequences of the dechristianization of human society. ...

"During Our Pontificate We, too, ***have frequently and with urgent insistence, denounced*** the current trend to atheism which is alarmingly on the increase. In 1924, when Our relief-mission returned from the Soviet Union, ***We condemned Communism in a special Allocution which We addressed to the whole world***. In our encyclicals *Miserentissimus Redemptor*, *Quadragesimo Anno*, *Caritate Christi*, *Acerba Animi*, and *Dilectissima Nobis*, ***We raised***

a solemn protest against the persecutions unleashed in Russia, in Mexico, and now in Spain.

Perils of Communism Require Public Attention

“Our two Allocutions of last year ... along with Our message of last Christmas, have evoked a worldwide echo which is not yet spent. In fact, the most persistent enemies of the Church, who from Moscow are directing the struggle against Christian civilization, themselves bear witness, by their unceasing attacks in word and act, that even to this hour the Papacy has continued faithfully to protect the sanctuary of the Christian religion, and that ***it has called public attention to the perils of Communism more frequently and more effectively than any other public authority on earth.***”¹

How does this sort of attention to duty compare to the course of action pursued by present-day Church leaders? Since 1962 (when John XXIII entered into the Vatican-Moscow Agreement, bargaining away the Church’s power and duty to denounce Communism in exchange for the strange favor of having Russian Orthodox observers present at

the Second Vatican Council), Vatican officials have kept an almost unbroken, criminal silence in regard to Communism.

The Immoral Vatican-Moscow Agreement

The Vatican-Moscow Agreement was an immoral pact from the beginning. The pastors of the Church have never been bound to observe its terms – it was and is a crime to do so. Worst of all, it has been precisely this criminal negligence to denounce Communism (one of the “errors of Russia” at the very core of Our Lady of Fatima’s prophecies, and one of the greatest spiritual dangers of our times) that has been behind the virtual silencing of the Message of Fatima.

This is why you probably haven’t heard about Our Lady of Fatima and Her request for the Consecration of Russia from the pulpit in your parish church for the past 50 years. This is why the children in our Catholic school systems haven’t learned about Our Lady’s apparitions and Message of Fatima. This is why Our Lady is so sad, as Sister Lucia told Father Fuentes, and why the whole world is right now tottering on the edge of a disaster such as has never before been seen.

We must break this silence about Fatima by broadcasting the

whole truth of Our Lady's Message everywhere, to the extent that we are able and by whatever means God gives to each one of us.

We must speak out again and again about the apparitions and the prophetic Message of Fatima. We must insist with lay people, priests, and bishops to listen to Our Lady of Fatima.

We must speak out again and again to implement the Consecration of Russia. It is our only hope ***to avoid World War III*** and the imposition of the reign of an antichrist, or of the Antichrist.

Our Lady's Message Becomes More Urgent Each Passing Day

St. Augustine tells us that we must hate the sin but love the sinner. Therefore, we must train our minds to be able to make proper distinctions, and we must have clear ideas. This requires some effort on our part. We must take the time to consider the truths of the Catholic Faith that we have been taught – truths guaranteed with the infallible certitude of Catholic dogma, and understood as they were always taught before the Second Vatican Council – and we have to realize how those teachings apply to us today.

Some people ask:

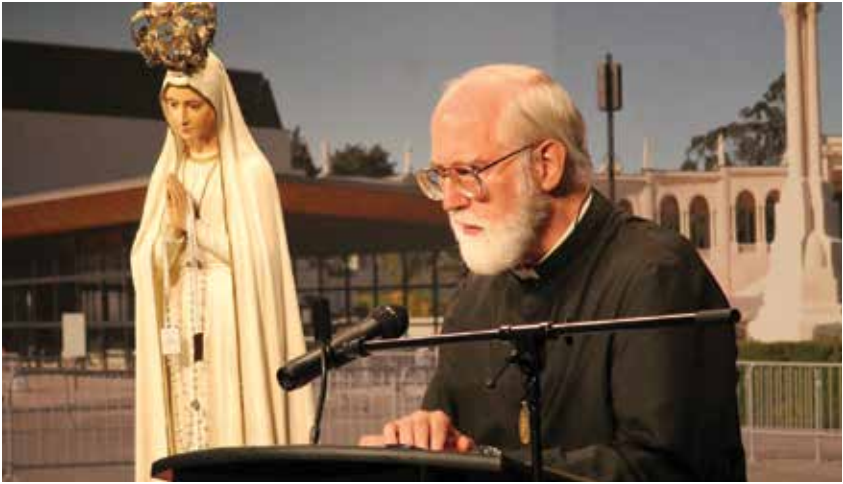
“Does the Message of Fatima apply to us in the year 2014?”

Professor William Thomas Walsh asked Sr. Lucy in 1946, at what stage of the Fatima prophecies the world was in at that time. She answered that we are in the stage of Russia spreading her errors throughout the world. Professor Walsh then asked how far those errors would spread (barring Our Lady's intervention, when Her requests would finally have been granted). Did Lucy think that the whole world would be overrun by Communism? Sr. Lucy said, flatly, “Yes.”

Professor Walsh found this hard to believe. Remember that this interview took place in 1946, when the United States was unquestionably the most powerful nation in the world. For one thing, it was the only nation in possession of the atom bomb at that time. So Professor Walsh thought that perhaps Lucy hadn't understood the question. He asked her the same question again, but this time he asked her specifically if she meant to include the United States of America. In her answer, Lucy said again simply, “Yes.”²

Masking the Evil

We don't hear much about Communism anymore because it supposedly “died” in 1989 or



Father Gruner at our *FATIMA: The Path to Peace!* Conference on September 9, 2013 where he delivered this speech, “*FATIMA: Roadblocks and Breakthroughs.*” Read this whole article carefully. It contains information vital to the present and future welfare of you and your family. There is so much information packed into this address that Part I was published in *The Fatima Crusader* Issue 107, Part II in this current *Fatima Crusader* (Issue 110) and the final Part III will be published in *The Fatima Crusader* Issue 111.

1991. If you have access to the alternative press, you may have read more realistic appraisals of the present situation, and what the Communists actually have to say about themselves. In fact the Communist Party USA gained more adherents in the United States in the 1990’s than in any other period in their history.

Of course, they operate under a different banner now, and since people attach so much significance to names (instead of thinking in terms of substantial reality), no alarm is raised. As Shakespeare said, however, “A rose by any other name would smell [the same].”

It doesn’t really matter what you call something – by any name, it’s still the same thing. We may use so-called “democratic” slogans now such as “separation of Church and State,” but if you understand Communism as practical atheism, which takes God out of the public square, then you’ll possibly catch the familiar scent of Communism under the new terminology.

Twins Born in Hell

Pope Leo XIII points out in his encyclicals against Freemasonry that Communism and Masonry have the same goals, including (but not limited to) the

dissolution of the family and of private ownership of property, and a fight to the death against Christendom – the 17-hundred-year-old European society which acknowledged Christ as its supreme King over all its society and public institutions. This similarity of the two movements (Masonry and Communism) is not an accident of history. Masonry and Communism have the same author – they are both the offspring of the devil – and some of the members, leaders, and rulers of either group also belong to the other. And historically, in the past and present, they have each worked to help the other.³

This joint membership of Communist and Masonic leaders is apparent as well from the history of Communism. Both Lenin and Trotsky were 33rd-degree Masons, members of the *Art et Travail* lodge in Paris. And the Communist Revolution itself was financed by the highest levels of Freemasonry, in the persons of the international bankers of New York City's East Side.

When Leon Trotsky arrived in New York in March of 1917, he had only \$25 in his pocket. When he boarded a ship for Russia seven months later, in October, he had with him \$25 million in gold, along with 300 select men. (That was \$25 million worth of real gold

in the currency of that day. The same 100,000 pounds of gold, today, would be worth almost \$2 BILLION.)

The ship and its passengers was intercepted and detained briefly by the Canadian Navy, until pressure from the governments and officials of the U.S. and England brought about its release. So you see that the errors of Russia that are spreading throughout the world today are not only Russian. They are the errors of international Freemasonry, and they were imported quite maliciously into Russia, “that poor nation” as Sister Lucy called it.

Father Denis Fahey documents all this at great length in his book, *The Rulers of Russia, Today!* He gives the names of those 300 men – both their real names, and the assumed names under which they were still in power in Russia in 1938 when Fr. Fahey wrote his book. This book is still in print; you can read this for yourself.⁴

The Battle Still Rages Today

The Communist Revolution operates under a new name today, and it has changed some of its appearances, but it is by no means over with. Much less has Freemasonry set aside its war against the Catholic Church, or its goal of ruling the world by setting

up a worldwide pagan religion of the Antichrist.

We read in the Apocalypse that Our Lord appeared to St. John with the title *King of kings and Lord of lords* written on His garments and on His thigh.⁵ But the Masons have declared in their 1730 *Book of Constitutions* that they want to be the king of kings and lord of lords. They intend to overthrow the rule of Christ the King, and to supplant the Christian social order with a godless New World Order of their own making and under their own control.

Their plan is not hard to understand. If you study it, you will begin to see that a great deal of what they intended and announced from the very beginning has already come to pass. They have long since achieved many of their unholy purposes. The effects of this revolution are all around us.

Our Lady's Battle Plan: The Conversion of Russia

Because we see a change in the window-dressing of the devil's house, some of our contemporaries are deceived into thinking that our problems are solved. No, we need Our Lady's solution.

Our Lady has a plan which is strictly and directly opposed to that of the devil, who would rule the world through Communism and Freemasonry. There can only be one ruler in this world, either Jesus Christ or the devil. Our Lady has told us what Christ's plan is, and that nothing else will work. She has promised us that if Her Message is obeyed, Russia will be converted and the world will have peace.

Now this brings us to another example of the modernist attack on the Message of Fatima. We must not fall into their trap; we must make an effort to clarify in our minds the meaning of Catholic words. What does Our Lady mean by the word *conversion*? Does She speak of "conversion" from militant atheism to some sort of harmless, benevolent atheism? To Russian Orthodoxy? To Western-style secular, economic and political forms?

Our Lady Seeks the Salvation of Many Souls

It is true that Our Lady promised a period of peace to be given to the world when Her requests are heeded, but this was not the main object of Her Message. She came first of all for the salvation of souls –

**"If what I say to you is done,
many souls will be saved and**

there will be peace.”

Our Lady came to save souls, but we cannot save our souls unless we are Catholics. Christ founded only one Church, the Catholic Church, and outside of it no one at all is saved. This is the solemnly defined, infallible teaching of the Church. And so there’s no question that when Our Lady talks about the conversion of Russia, She’s talking about Russia’s full return to the Catholic Church – to embrace the Catholic Faith, whole and entire, and the legitimate governance of the Pope.

Preserving the Dogma of the Faith

We know that the Third Secret – the part which Vatican bureaucrats refuse to publish – begins with the words, “In Portugal the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved”. What are the dogmas of our Faith? We find them explicitly taught in the Church’s infallible definitions.

The word *infallible* tells us that these definitions cannot fail – that these dogmas are absolutely true. They cannot be changed and they cannot ever cease to be true. They will always infallibly express the truth of the Catholic Faith, in those very same words, with the same sense and interpretation (*eodem sensu, eademque sententia*).⁶

Here is an example of an infallible definition that you probably haven’t heard much about in recent years, and which is high on the endangered list of dogmas of the Faith that are not being preserved in many places today:

“The most Holy Roman Church firmly believes, professes, and preaches that none of those existing outside the Catholic Church, not only pagans, but also Jews and heretics and schismatics, can have a share in life eternal; but that they will go into the eternal fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels, unless before death they are joined with Her; and that so important is the unity of this ecclesiastical body that only those remaining within this unity can profit by the sacraments of the Church unto salvation, and they alone can receive an eternal recompense for their fasts, their almsgivings, their other works of Christian piety and the duties of a Christian soldier. No one, let his almsgiving be as great as it may, no one, even if he pour out his blood for the Name of Christ, can be saved, unless he remain within the bosom and the unity of the Catholic

Church.”⁷

This is a dogma of the Faith (solemnly defined several times), that outside of the Church there is no salvation and no remission of sins. The present-day waffling and confusion surrounding this teaching must be the subject of part of Our Lady’s warning in the Third Secret. The enemies of our salvation have been undermining our belief in this dogma throughout the past 50 years, and they have been quite successful in deceiving millions of Catholics today. Utterly false notions of ecumenism are now so widely accepted that many of the faithful are persuaded that they have to ignore this dogma in order to be loyal and obedient Catholics.

We Must Hold on to Our Catholic Faith!

Such an attitude is foreign to the Church. God expects quite the opposite from us. As the Athanasian Creed teaches:

“Whosoever wishes to be saved, needs above all to hold the Catholic Faith; unless each one preserves this Faith whole and inviolate, he will without a doubt perish eternally.”⁸

We must first of all adhere to the dogmas of our Faith. This necessity is expressed within the

phrasing of the very definitions themselves, which in almost every case includes an anathema or curse pronounced against anyone who denies the defined teachings. “He who does not believe this, *anathema sit*.” That is to say: “Let him be cut off.” “Let him go to hell.” That’s what it means.

St. Athanasius Stood Against 90% of the Bishops

The definitions are our sure and explicit guide to the Catholic Faith, regardless of what anyone of any rank whatsoever in the Church might say to the contrary.

Remember the example of St. Athanasius, the great champion for the true Faith in the 4th-Century crisis concerning the Person and nature of Jesus Christ. St. Athanasius stood up against 90% of all the bishops in the Church, and even endured the appearance of being excommunicated by Pope Liberius, so confident was he about the truth of his position. Was this pride on his part? No. He was adhering to the solemnly defined teaching of the Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325), that Jesus Christ is true God and true Man, consubstantial with the Father.

God the Father and God the Son are two distinct Persons possessing the one and the same divine nature. The council’s

definition had established beyond question that this is the truth of the Catholic Faith. But in spite of the definition, this dogma remained under severe attack for almost fifty years, from A.D. 336 until about 381. At the height of those dark years, in 357 A.D., Pope Liberius pronounced an excommunication against St. Athanasius for his adherence to the true Faith.

On a practical level, this “excommunication” was a great scandal, but theologically speaking, it was completely meaningless. St. Athanasius hadn’t committed any crime, and therefore he was not liable to any ecclesiastical censures. To put it simply, he was not in reality ever excommunicated. Pope Liberius, by the way, was the first Pope in the history of the Church not to be canonized.

Rule by Law – Not by Whims

We have such loose and inexact ways of thinking nowadays. Perhaps what I’m saying is confusing to some people. We have the idea that the law is whatever the ruler says it is. St. Thomas can give us a better understanding of law. He defines law as an ordination of reason, duly promulgated by a competent authority, and directed toward the common good.⁹

Notice that there are four parts to this definition. A law has to be ***promulgated***, and this can only be done by ***one in authority***; yes, but those two criteria alone are not enough to make a law. What is promulgated must be ***reasonable***, and it must be for the ***common good***.

Even a Pope’s Authority Has Limits.

His ordinances cannot be the whims of a dictator or the vacillations of a weak ruler. Not even a Pope can excommunicate a man for upholding the Faith – a man who has committed no crime.

I’m not saying this to attack Pope Liberius. No doubt he was under great pressure to pronounce that excommunication, maybe under the threat of his life, and it is known that he regretted his action within a year or so. What I’m getting at, though, is that we can always look to the definitions, but not necessarily to those in authority in the Church, to show us what the Catholic Faith teaches. Our loyalty to Christ and to the true Faith demands that we adhere to Catholic dogma and that we defend it to the best of our ability. Loyalty to Jesus Christ is not necessarily always expressed in a personal loyalty to those who happen to be in authority over

us in the Church – even a Pope or bishop.

False Obedience

There are three things that make us Catholic: first, our Baptism; next, our fidelity to the Catholic Faith, “whole and entire”; and third, our acknowledging legitimate authority in the Church. We must recognize the Pope as the Pope. He has legitimate authority over us, and we have to obey him in all things within his jurisdiction; but there are things that are not within his jurisdiction, and if he commands us to do things contrary to the common good of the Church, or to believe things contrary to the Catholic Faith, then we **must not** “obey” him. Such **false obedience**, on the contrary, could send us to hell.

All authority in this world is limited. Only God has unlimited authority. St. Paul was called by Our Lord Himself to be an Apostle, and was given greater powers of jurisdiction than any bishop or Cardinal today possesses. But he recognized that his authority was limited. What is the purpose (and thus one of the limits) of this authority that Christ has given to His ministers in the Church? St. Paul tells us that it exists for the building up of the faithful – for their edification – and not for

their destruction.


“[T]he Lord hath given us our power unto edification, and not for your destruction.”¹⁰

No authority in this world, not even that of a Pope, can require you to deny the Faith of the Catholic Church. An error which is so common today (which you can find even among priests and bishops) is that it doesn’t matter what religion you belong to. That is heresy. If you want to save your soul, you will have to resist this false teaching, no matter who may be teaching it or how much authority he carries in the Church.

Injustice Follows Errors and Deceptions

St. Thomas tells us that the first-fruit of error is injustice. This makes the truth all the more important.

How does this relate to the Message of Fatima? Again, we come back to this roadblock of silence which we have been discussing. Sister Lucy described to Father Fuentes a punishment of God descending upon people today without their even knowing it – a most frightful kind of punishment, which leads not to repentance but instead leads us further away from God. If we continue on that road, it leads us to eternal damnation!

The unjust silencing of Our Lady's Message is an example of this very kind of punishment. We are all paying a heavy price for the deceptions and errors so prevalent today in regard to the Message of Fatima. Such lies have led directly to this roadblock of silence, which in turn has prevented all of us to some degree or other from making a proper response to Our Lady's Message – the kind of response that could save our lives and our souls. 

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“Opposing the Truth”**

ANNIHILATION OF CHRISTIANS *(Continued from Page 15.)*

Christian faith of their inhabitants: Al-Qusair (of Homs, where many women have been kidnapped and sexually abused, and many of whose inhabitants have fled to Damascus, Homs, or Lebanon); Yabrood (of Damascus, where kidnappings have targeted even children with ransoms demanded as high as 20-25 million Syrian pounds, the equivalent of \$300,000, and where a monthly tribute of 800,000 Syrian pounds is required every 15 days from Christians in order to keep their children and property from being seized);

Footnotes:

1. Pope Pius XI, *Divini Redemptoris*, "On Atheistic Communism", March 19, 1937, n. 4, 5, 58; emphasis added.
2. William Thomas Walsh, *Our Lady of Fatima*, 1947, p. 226; and Louis Kaczmarek, *The Wonders She Performs*, 1986, p. 160.
3. This is powerfully demonstrated in Deirdre Manifold's book, *Fatima and the Great Conspiracy* (available from The Fatima Center), and particularly in Chapter 8, "Handing China over to the Communists."
4. See the entire text online at <http://www.whale.to/c/rulers-of-russia-by-denis-fahey.pdf>.
5. Apoc 19:16.
6. "Oath Against the Errors of Modernism": Pope St. Pius X, *Motu Proprio Sacrorum Antistitum*, September 1, 1910, Dz. 2145.
7. Pope Eugene IV, Bull *Cantate Domino*, 1441, Dz. 714, D.S. 1351.
8. Dz. 39, D.S. 75.
9. St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, I-IIae, Q. 90, a. 1-4.
10. 2 Cor. 10:8.

Sidnaya (a city of Damascus, to which many displaced Christians from the surrounding Damascus countryside have fled for refuge, but which itself is plagued by terrorism, kidnappings, and attacks by mortar shells killing civilians); Maaloula (of Damascus, where hordes of Libyan and Chechen jihadists have attempted to force the inhabitants to convert to Islam, slaughtering those who refuse, and burning and shelling the Rscris and Bacchus monastery and several churches); Al-Nassara, Al-Hwash, and Marmaritta (each of the Damascus area, and in which last-named village 15 Christians were gunned down); Mhardeh (which city has been



Two months before the crisis at Sinjar, the Christian children of Mosul had received the same kind of brutal treatment as was given to the Yazidi children, including torturous beheadings. This Christian girl's body was returned to her distraught father, except for her head which was put on display on a post in a city park.

continuously targeted with mortar shells, suffering also many cases of kidnapping and buses being bombed); the cities of Sadad and Al-Hafar (of the Homs countryside, which has suffered many robberies, lootings, and bombings of homes and churches, killing 45 Christians including elderly, women, and children); Bab Touma (of Damascus, where bombings and shelling are a daily occurrence); Kassa'a, Al-Tijara, Abbasids, Aldwylaah, Tabalah, and Kashkool (of Damascus, which are frequently targeted with mortars and homemade rockets, and whose Christian populations

have suffered kidnappings, torture, and murder); Bab Al-Sebaa, Hamidiya, and Bustan Al-Diwan (of Homs); Sulaimaniyah and Al-Azizia (of Aleppo); and many others.

One commentator summarizes the tragedy thus:

“[W]hat has happened in Iraq ... will be seen by future historians as one of the great tragedies of ethnic cleansing.... [A]round 80 percent of the Christians of Iraq and Syria have been forced to flee their homeland, and the numbers are likely to increase. Some have gone to Jordan, but

there is no guarantee that the Hashemite royal family will remain in power. Others fled to North America and Europe. Some of them even ran away to Iran – a repugnant regime that persecutes Christians but is still not as dangerous as modern Iraq. The result is that the towns, cities, and villages where the founders of Christendom lived and prayed are or will be entirely Muslim.”⁵

IRAQ

The dismantling of Saddam Hussein’s regime in the eight-plus years of the Iraq War (2003-2011) left the country in virtual anarchy, despite President Obama’s claim in December 2011 that the Americans were “leaving behind a sovereign, stable, and self-reliant Iraq.” One newscaster adds, “Two and a half years later, the people America left behind are running away — fleeing for their lives.”⁶ A bombed-out, demilitarized Iraq presented an open door to invasion by ISIS from Syria, and to a jihadist slaughter of the region’s entire non-Sunni population, including Christians, Shia Muslims, Yazidis, and others.

ISIS has grown from its humble beginnings to be the largest terrorist army that has ever existed, already some ten

thousand strong in Iraq besides at least 50,000 in Syria, with many others from all over the world (even 11-year-old boys) in a frenzy to join them. Taking control of large areas of Syria and Iraq, **they have launched a genocide** against all those in the captured regions who will not bend to the Sunni Muslim creed. **An estimated two million refugees have fled the cities and countrysides** of northern Iraq into Erbil as one city after another has fallen to ISIS since mid-June 2014, including Kirkuk, Fallujah, Tikrit, and **even Mosul**, the second largest city in the country.

As Mosul was falling into the hands of ISIS, a Dominican religious sent this e-mail message to his superior:

“I am writing in a critical and apocalyptic situation. The majority of the inhabitants of the city have already fled their homes and have run away to the villages; they sleep out in the open without anything to eat or drink. Thousands of gunmen of the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant have ... murdered adults and children. Hundreds of bodies have been left in the streets and in the homes, killed without any mercy. Even the Army and the regular forces have abandoned the city, along

with the governor. From the mosques you hear the cry: ‘Allah Akhbar, long live the Islamic state!’”⁷

The most horrible atrocities imaginable have taken place throughout these recent months, but particularly of late with the capture of the city of Sinjar in early August.

Diabolically Savage Treatment of Christians

The fall of Sinjar caused 200,000 people to flee their homes with literally nothing but the clothes they were wearing. Many of these refugees were ethnic Yazidis, whose religious beliefs are a mix of ancient Zoroastrianism, Islam, and Christianity. These Yazidis (most of whom managed to escape into northwestern Syria, but some 40,000 of whom were trapped in the Sinjar mountain range north of the city) are particularly despised as heretics by ISIS. But let us note here that the diabolically savage treatment which we are about to discuss in regard to the captured Yazidis was typical of the treatment meted to Iraqi Christians and others as well throughout these past horrifying months of conquest.

The 40,000 Yazidis who fled to the mountains were surrounded by ISIS troops, waiting for the

fugitives either to die on the rocky mountaintop or to attempt an escape. Their capture would mean certain torture and death, while to remain up on the barren, scorching rocks — in up to 120 degree Fahrenheit temperatures, with no food, water, or shade, for the most part without even shoes remaining on their bleeding feet — meant a slower but no less certain death from exposure and dehydration.

At least 300 people, mostly children, died on Mount Sinjar before U.S. airstrikes opened a corridor of escape for the besieged Yazidis into Kurdistan. This appalling death toll among the weakening children came in spite of desperate efforts of their parents to preserve them, even to the extent of the parents cutting their own hands so the children could drink their parents’ blood.

Those unfortunate Yazidis who were captured suffered a more gruesome end. Five hundred Yazidis were reportedly buried alive, and hangings and crucifixions were commonplace. But it is the fearsome beheadings of both men and women that the ISIS terrorists boast of so exultantly.

Most heartbreaking, though, is that not even children were spared the horrors and tortures

of these executions. In fact, the children were specially targeted. Even the terror on the faces of little children who were about to be killed was displayed for the world as a triumph of ISIS' powers of intimidation. At the same time and even throughout the prior two months, **the Christian children of Mosul were being systematically beheaded, after which their heads were put on display on posts in a park within the city.** Most cruel of all, when Qaraqosh (the largest Christian town in Iraq) fell to ISIS in early August, a five year-old boy was cut in half.

Musical Video of Murders

Mark Arabo, a Chaldean-American community leader, told CNN: “[The terrorists] who have invaded Mosul and other ancient Christian communities in Syria and Iraq have made music videos of themselves murdering civilians and captured soldiers. They are literally enjoying the act of killing and the fear and suffering experienced by others. This sadism may be the purest manifestation of evil witnessed since the Rape of Nanking during WWII.”⁸

As one journalist describes the situation, “Every murderous, blood-lusting Muslim who can

reach the area is flocking to join ISIS and participate in the killing spree.”⁹ That includes Muslims from places like the United Kingdom, Germany, Australia, and the United States — people who look like run-of-the-mill Westerners and who have passports...

Richard Walker ponders what this might mean for us:

“The decision by President Barack Obama and his allies in Britain, France and Germany to arm and train Sunni radicals in the Syrian conflict has created a dangerous threat from a new wave of young terrorists born in the West, trained by the West, and sent to the East to wage terrorism.

“Britain is now scrambling to stop young British Muslims from going to Iraq and Syria to join the hundreds of other Britons who are there fighting with ISIS.... Two years ago, British Muslims flocked to Syria when Washington and London publicly supported the overthrow of the Syrian government of Bashar al Assad. There was so much euphoria surrounding calls for weapons to be sent to Sunni militias, Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron ignored the fact that

young American and British Muslims were gearing up to answer a Sunni Arab call to join the fight.

“Washington and its allies appeared oblivious to the fact the Sunni militias they had just begun training at bases in Jordan and Turkey were dominated by groups linked to anti-Western radical terrorists. ... With the help of the Saudis, ISIS was building a considerable arsenal and attracting many young Westerners to its ranks. ...

“The Western marriage with ISIS has produced a devilish problem for Obama and his European partners, especially the British. According to the latest reports, there are as many as 450 Britons prominent in ISIS, and some of them have posted videos online encouraging other young Muslims to join them. The biggest fear is many of these young Muslims, males and females, will soon turn their sights on the West. The belief this will happen has rattled British intelligence.

“A British counterterrorism expert, who agreed to talk to this writer on condition of anonymity, had an ominous warning of the dangers

ahead. **‘Putin was right when he warned Obama we would be getting into bed with the wrong people in Syria,’** he said. **‘That is what happened and we have unleashed a newer version of al Qaeda with young men, who can easily blend back into Western society, having been radicalized and well-trained in terror.’** Everyone in the intelligence community in Britain knows **our backing of ISIS and the al Nusra Front has come back to bite us. We have effectively given terror a new lease on life.’** He also said Britain’s Scotland Yard told the British government it lacked the manpower to monitor growing numbers of potential threats from people linked to ISIS.

The source had this warning for America: ‘This is a real threat to the West, and we all know America is always the preferred target of jihadists. What we have done is train the terrorists, who will come for us.’”¹⁰

How realistic is this, that the threat of ISIS could reach the West? Germany has already had a taste of blood in North Rhine-Westphalia, where Germany’s largest Muslim population resides. On August 7, approximately 500



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Yazidis clashed with a large group of hooded Muslims in the town center of Herford, fighting with knives and bottles.¹¹ The Muslim group (called Salafists) has long sought to establish Sharia law in Germany and throughout Europe, and counter-terrorism officials recognize the Islamic extremists within Germany (approximately 45,000 in 2014, and growing rapidly) as a serious threat to European security – particularly those jihadists who are returning from Syria with combat experience and contacts to jihadist groups.

Notorious among the British-born jihadists is Abdel Bary, who left his mother's million-dollar home and a rising music career in London (with videos and singles airing on BBC Radio in 2012) to join the terrorists in Syria. One of an estimated 500 British citizens who have joined ISIS, Bary appeared earlier this year on a Twitter post holding a severed head, with the caption, "Chillin' with my homie or what's left of him."

Then on August 19, a gruesome YouTube video was posted showing the execution of American journalist James Foley, beheaded (the hooded executioner declared) as a retaliation for the recent U.S. air strikes against ISIS. Voice

recognition specialists identified the executioner as Abdel Bary.

An August 12 e-mail sent to the Foley family by an ISIS representative announcing the planned execution, made plain also the intentions of ISIS to strike on the American homeland:

"Today our swords are unsheathed towards you, **Government and citizens alike! And we will NOT stop until we quench our thirst for your blood.** You do not spare our weak, elderly, women or children so we will NOT spare yours!"¹²

A New Islamic Caliphate Established

A final ominous aspect of the Sunni uprisings is the fact that the leaders of both Boko Haram and ISIS have proclaimed the establishment of an Islamic Caliphate. In fact, the significance of the June 29, 2014 name change from ISIS to simply IS, the Islamic State, was that on that date their leader, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi assumed the role of Caliph — now being known as Amir al-Mu'minin Caliph Ibrahim — and the group claims to represent no longer just an Islamic State of the Eastern Mediterranean "Levant" region or of Iraq and Syria, but the Islamic Caliphate, claiming political and religious authority over all



Crucifixion is a favorite form of torture for the execution of Christians by ISIS militants.

Muslims around the world. Bill White explains:

“[ISIS] has declared themselves to now be IS, the Islamic State or in their lexicon, the Islamic Caliphate. While this might not seem like much to us here in the United States, it’s actually quite a big deal. There hasn’t been a caliphate since 1023 AD. Since then, those who have used the name Caliph haven’t ruled over a Caliphate.

“The Caliph is the spiritual and civil leader of all Islam. As such, they are the legal successor of Muhammad. In the present case, the new Caliph, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, is a direct descendent of Muhammad, adding legitimacy to his claim to the throne. The question is, how much will the other Muslim

nations accept this claim?

“The caliphate could become a unifying factor for all Muslims, breaking down national boundaries, as well as disagreement between Sunni, Shia and other Muslim branches. If it succeeds in doing this, the new caliphate could easily rocket up to becoming a major world power; one that is fueled and driven by the hate of the radical elements within Islam.

“While that is troubling enough, in and of itself, the big problem for us isn’t whether they unify the Middle East, but rather, what they decide to do throughout the rest of the world. There are few important countries without a major Muslim population and nobody knows how many of those groups are truly

militant. ...

“Informal spokesmen from the Islamic State have already started tweeting about how they will be in New York within a month. While that may seem like an exaggeration, we really don’t know how many of them might already be inside our borders.”¹³

Flag of Allah Over WhiteHouse

The (recently deceased) official Press Officer for ISIS declared¹⁴ their intention to “raise the flag of Allah” over the White House, and in a recent video released by ISIS, armed militants standing beside a tank declared: “Our message to the entire world is that we are the soldiers of the Caliphate state and we are coming!” ISIS has also posted a video on YouTube threatening to overrun Jordan and “slaughter” King Abdullah, whom they consider an enemy of Islam. Of course, the anti-Americanism generated by the Iraq Wars and by U.S. support of Israel’s Palestinian genocide has put the destruction of the U.S. and Israel on an equal par as the ultimate goal of the Sunni insurgency.

Catholic historian Hilaire Belloc was perhaps as prescient as any of the mystics who have spoken about a resurgence of

radical Islam someday pitting the Catholic Church once again in a death-struggle with militant Muslims:

“[A]nyone with knowledge of history is bound to ask himself whether we shall not see in the future a revival of Mohammedan political power, and the renewal of the old pressure of Islam upon Christendom. ...

“[T]he recrudescence of Islam, the possibility of that terror under which we lived for centuries reappearing, and of our civilization again fighting for its life against what was its chief enemy for a thousand years, seems fantastic... – but this is only because men are always powerfully affected by the immediate past: – one might say that they are blinded by it.

“Cultures spring from religions; ultimately the vital force which maintains any culture is its philosophy, its attitude toward the universe; the decay of a religion involves the decay of the culture corresponding to it – we see that most clearly in the breakdown of Christendom today. The bad work begun at the Reformation is bearing its final fruit in the dissolution of our ancestral doctrines – the

very structure of our society is dissolving.

“In the place of the old Christian enthusiasms of Europe there came, for a time, the enthusiasm for nationality, the religion of patriotism. But self-worship is not enough, and the forces which are making for the destruction of our culture, notably the Jewish Communist propaganda from Moscow, have a likelier future before them than our old-fashioned patriotism.

“In Islam there has been no such dissolution of ancestral doctrine – or, at any rate, nothing corresponding to the universal break-up of religion in Europe. The whole spiritual strength of Islam is still present in the masses of Syria and Anatolia, of the East Asian mountains, of Arabia, Egypt and North Africa.

“The final fruit of this tenacity, the second period of Islamic power, maybe delayed: – but I doubt whether it can be permanently postponed. ...

“Now it is probable enough that on these lines – unity under a leader – the return of Islam may arrive. There is no leader as yet, but enthusiasm might bring one and there are signs enough in the political

heavens today of what we may have to expect from the revolt of Islam at some future date – perhaps not far distant.”¹⁵

The Pope Is Now the ISIS Target

Indeed, that day could be upon us very soon. The Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera* recently reported¹⁶ that there are at least 50 Italian males, aged 18 to 25, who have left Italy to join the jihad in Syria and Iraq. An *Il Tempo* report published on the same day, drawing from an unnamed source, added that a number of Muslim jihadists have already entered Italy, and that the Pope’s life is in danger. The source explained that since the Pope is “the greatest exponent of the Christian religions” and the “bearer of false truth,” Caliph al-Baghdadi seeks to “raise the level of confrontation” by putting Pope Francis “in the crosshairs.”¹⁷

We Need to Wake Up

It is painful to have to bring such a horrifying discussion as all this to the light of day. Would to God that the atrocities described and pictured in this article were not taking place on a daily basis in our time! **But the world has so far not been moved enough by these events and by these**

photos – they must be given their due place in our thoughts and imagination, as painful as it may be to do so. Let us all pray for the unfortunate victims of these jihadist murderers, and let us stay on our knees a while longer to pray that the Consecration of Russia be performed according to Our Lady of Fatima's request very soon. Otherwise, we will truly have reason to picture ourselves and our loved ones facing the same ghastly end.

New York – Washington NEXT?

It remains to be seen whether New York will be the next venue of such horrors, as ISIS members threaten. What is certain is that, without the Consecration of Russia, we will all get our turn. **FC**

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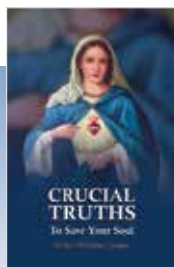
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