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THE PRAYER OF THE ANGEL OF PEACE (Fatima, Fall of 1916)

O Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly.
I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ,
present in all the tabernacles of the world,
in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifference by which He is offended.
By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

PRAXIS: SECOND APPARITION OF THE ANGEL OF PEACE

I. Where and When the Angel of Portugal Appears

- A. At a well near the home of the Santos family
- B. In the summer of 1916, during the siesta hours when the three children are playing their games under the trees near the well
- C. Gentle rebuke by the Angel
 1. "What are you doing?"
 2. "Pray! Pray very much! The Hearts of Jesus and Mary have designs of mercy on you. Offer prayers and sacrifices constantly to the Most High."
 - a. Prayer (vision and communication of love)
 - b. Sacrifice (response and action of love)
 - c. Mercy = Fruit of Prayer and Sacrifice—Gift of Grace for Others
- D. Prayer (word/vision/communication) + Sacrifice (response/action/communion) = Mercy ("Love in action")
- E. Prayer + Sacrifice = Mass: The Word is made Flesh and dwells with us.
- F. Holy Communion becomes a Christian's prayer and sacrifice for others; God is completing in us His "designs of mercy."

II. Making Sacrifices: "Make everything you can a sacrifice, and offer it to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and in supplication for the conversion of sinners. You will thus draw down peace upon your country. I am its Angel Guardian, the Angel of Portugal. Above all, accept and bear with submission, the suffering which the Lord will send you."

- A. Christ Crucified on Calvary
 1. The Sacrifice to the Father in the Holy Spirit for us sinners
 - a. Reparation: He suffers for us, in place of us, to repair the damage done by our sins, to make atonement for these sins.
 - b. Supplication: He prays for us, that we may not only accept the deliverance from sin but be converted from our life of sin.
 - c. This REPARATION and the GIFTS OF GRACE AND MERCY draw down from heaven peace upon the world = right order and cooperation amongst angels and men with God, restoring the life of love that is true, good, and beautiful.
 2. Our Sacrifice as Members of His Body
 - a. Reparation for our own sins and those of others
 - b. Supplication for our own on-going conversion and the conversion of all sinners
 - c. Lives of Mercy: Prayer and Sacrifice = Works of Mercy

- B. "Not My will, but Thy will be done!"
 - 1. Prayer of Jesus to His Father in Gethsemane
 - 2. Our Way of the Cross
 - a. Acceptance of sufferings "sent" to us
 - b. Bearing suffering as a cross
 - c. Submission: Obedience to God's will over our will = freedom, truth, love, and ultimate happiness

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS

- I. In my own life, have I found it more difficult to make sacrifices of my own choosing, or to offer as sacrifices those sufferings that have come my way? Explain your answer. Make a list of the daily sacrifices persons of all ages can make in our culture at this particular time in history.
- II. Do I pray enough each day? If not, why not?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: "The Apostles' Creed" and "The Prayer of the Angel of Peace"
- II. Mental Prayer during the day (15-30 minutes)
 - A. Meditatively read or write down "The Apostles' Creed" or "The Prayer of the Angel of Peace."
 - B. Lift up your prayer to One of the Three Divine Persons.
 - C. Listen to this Divine Person speaking within your mind and heart.
- III. Examination of Conscience According to the Angel of Peace
 - A. "What are you doing?"
 - B. "Did you pray reverently, sincerely, and long enough this day?"
 - C. "Throughout the day, did you make sacrifices in reparation for your sins and those of others?"
 - D. "Were you at peace with God, within yourself, and with others, and did you draw down to earth heavenly peace through your prayers and actions?"