

PARISH FAMILY ABLAZE PRAXIS 4-29-18

FATIMA DECADE PRAYER (July 13, 1917)

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. (Typically said at the end of each decade of the Rosary)

FATIMA: THE THIRD “SECRET” AND THE OCTOBER 13, 1917 APPARITION

I. The Third “Secret” (July 13, 1917)—Images (from Fr. Apostoli’s *Fatima for Today*)

A. An Angel with a Flaming Sword to the Left of Mother Mary (pp. 82-83)

1. “Penance, Penance, Penance!”
2. Mary’s intercessions withholding destruction of the Earth by fire

B. A Prophetic Vision of the 20th Century (pp. 280-284)

1. A steep Mountain
2. A great city reduced to ruins with corpses
3. A large Cross on the Mountain
 - a. Two Angels under each arm of the Cross
 - b. Sprinkling of Souls with the Blood of the Martyrs
4. A martyred Pope dressed in white leading others up the Mountain

C. Conclusions from Pope Saint John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

“It was a mother’s hand that guided the bullet’s path and in his throes the Pope halted at the threshold of death.” (John Paul II, May 13, 1994, p. 282)

“Faith and prayer are forces which can influence history and . . . in the end prayer is more powerful than bullets and faith more powerful than armies.” (Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, June 26, 2000, p. 282)

“I would like finally to mention another key expression of the ‘secret’ which has become justly famous: ‘My Immaculate Heart will triumph.’ What does this mean? The Heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The *fiat* of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Savior into the world—because, thanks to her Yes, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time.” (Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, June 26, 2000, p. 284)

II. The October 13, 1917 Apparition

A. Mary’s words

1. “I am the Lady of the Rosary.”
2. “The war is going to end.”
3. “Do not offend the Lord our God anymore, because He is already so much offended.”

B. Images seen by the three children

1. The Holy Family: Saint Joseph, the Child Jesus, and Our Lady
 - a. A blessing imparted by both Saint Joseph and the Child Jesus
 - b. The Sign of the Cross (The Way = A Blessed Way of Life)
2. Our Lord and Our Lady of Sorrows (Suffering and Death)
3. Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Spiritual Warfare and Victory)

C. What the crowd of witnesses (75,000 people) saw: The Great Miracle of the Sun

III. Some observations

- A. Imitate Saint Joseph: Cherish the Immaculate Heart and Sacred Heart
 - 1. Express your love for Mary
 - a. Praying the Rosary daily
 - b. Enrollment in the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 - c. Promotion of respect and devotion to Mary
 - 2. Express your love for Jesus
 - a. Attend Holy Mass.
 - b. Visit Him to adore Him in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
 - c. Meditate on Him described in Scripture.
 - d. Evangelize—"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."
- B. "Be not afraid!"
 - 1. Neither of Communism (anti-Gospel) nor of War (anti-Communion)
 - a. Oppose relativism with truth and **FAITH** using right reason and revelation.
 - b. Oppose secularism with **HOPE** in Heaven.
 - c. Oppose materialism by **CHARITY**: "Giving until it hurts"
 - d. Oppose war with peace in our hearts and in our relationships
 - 2. To Surrender to the Victorious Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart
 - a. Permit them to conquer our own hearts in grace and mercy.
 - b. Permit them to conquer other hearts through our surrendered hearts to increase God's Family and build God's Kingdom.

DIALOGUE QUESTIONS

- I. What changes take place in me and in the world when I pray the Rosary with devotion and reverence?
- II. What are practical ways that I can begin to carry out penance now for my own conversion and the conversion of other sinners?

MISSION

- I. Morning Prayer: "The Pardon Prayer," "The Prayer of the Angel of Peace," "The Eucharistic Prayer," "The Fatima Decade Prayer," and "The Fatima Sacrifice Prayer"
- II. Mental Prayer during the day (20-35 minutes)
 - A. The Rosary
 - B. Journal Dialogue with one of the Three Persons of the Trinity, with Mary, or with one of the shepherd children of Fatima.
- III. Examination of Conscience: Use the list from the "Final Exam" to determine whether I am being merciful, as my Heavenly Father is merciful.
 - A. How have I fed others today?
 - B. How have I quenched the thirst of others today?
 - C. How have I welcomed the stranger today?
 - D. How have I clothed the naked today?
 - E. How have I cared for the sick today?
 - F. How have I consoled and helped those in prison today?