


The Incredible  
Account of Our  
Lady of Fatima

How a visit in 1917 by Our Lady to  
3 Portugese Children changed  
World History

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*“The Most Holy Virgin  
is very sad because no one  
has paid any attention to  
her message, neither the  
good nor the bad.”*

Sister Lucia of Fatima  
December 26, 1957

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## A Bit about Fatima in 2021

- o 2021 statistics
- o Population 13,224
- o Geography
  - o Elevation 6,545 ft
  - o Area 27.74 sq. mi.
- o Economy
  - o Religious Tourism 5 Million Tourists/yr prior to Covid-16


That's right ---  
5,000,000 people  
every year!!!!



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## A Bit about Fatima in 2021

- o Important sites
- o Cabeco - Visit of an Angel
- o Cova da Iria - Site of Apparitions
  - o (0.6 mi to Fatima)
- o Valinhos - Site of August 19, 1917 apparition
- o Fatima - site of Church, civil offices
- o Aljustrel - a hamlet outside Fatima



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## What the Apparition of Our Lady Of Fatima is all about

- o Six times, beginning on May 13, 1917 Our Lady appeared to 3 young shepherds in a field outside of Fatima, Portugal
- o Our Lady came with a message of Peace, Hope, but also calling for Repentance
- o So that mankind would believe, Our Lady promised a miracle on October 13, 1917 at noon



Jacinta  
Marto  
Age 7

Francisco  
Marto  
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Lucia  
dos Santos  
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## The Status of the World May 1917

- o World War I was ablaze
  - o The War to End All War
  - o Germany and Austria declared war on Portugal in March 1917
  - o U.S. had entered the war on April 6, 1917
- o The Marxist Russian Revolution had begun in March. In October the Bolshevik revolution was to begin in Russia
- o Marxism and Socialism was becoming rampant in parts of Europe
- o The kingdom of Portugal ended 1910. The Portugal government was very anti-clerical

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## But First – The Supernatural Visitations of an Angel

- o In 1915, four little girls including Lucia dos Santos (age 8) are visited by an angel (slightly transparent with a human figure) after their daily Rosary.
- o Visited 2 more times in 1915
- o In 1916, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta seek shelter from the rain in a cave at Casa Velha near Fatima. After eating lunch and praying the Rosary, the children exit the cave, and are visited by the angel

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## 1<sup>st</sup> visit to the 3– Words of the Angel



*“Fear not! I am the Angel of Peace! Pray with me!”*

Kneeling and bowing the Angel prays:

*“My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. I ask pardon for all those who do not believe in Thee, do not adore Thee, do not hope in Thee, do not love Thee.”* Prayed 3 times

Rising He says *“Pray this way. The Hearts of Jesus and Our Lady are attentive to your supplications.”*

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## 2nd visit to the 3 – Words of the Angel



*“Pray! Pray a great deal! The hearts of Jesus and Our Lady have designs of mercy for you! Offer unceasingly to the Most High prayers and sacrifices!”*

Lucia **“But how are we to sacrifice ourselves?”**

*“Offer up everything within your power as a sacrifice to the Lord in an act of reparation for the sins which He is offended; and of supplication for the conversion of sinners. Thus invoke peace upon your country. I am the Guardian Angel; the Angel of Portugal. Above all. Accept and bear with submission the sufferings the Lord may send you”*

Only Lucia and Jacinta heard the angel, but all see him.

Lucia and Jacinta are overwhelmed and cannot speak to Francisco.

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## 3rd visit to the 3 – Fall of 1916

The Angel appears holding a chalice with a Host suspended above it. Prostrating himself on the ground with the host and chalice suspended above. He says 3 times:



*“Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I adore thee profoundly, and I offer Thee the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of the same Son Jesus Christ, present in the Tabernacles of the world, in reparation for all the sacrileges, outrages and indifferences by which He Himself is offended. And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and through the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.”*

Then he arose and gave the Host to Lucia and the chalice to Francisco and Jacinta, saying, *“Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God.”*

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## Summary of The message of the Angel

- o The importance of prayer and sacrifice for the reparation of sinners
- o The importance of offering the Eucharist to the Father
- o The love of Jesus and His Mother for mankind
  - o The infinite merits are due to Jesus
  - o But Jesus directs Our Lady to act in His place

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## 1st Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima May 13, 1917




- o The Lady says, "*Fear not! I will not harm you.*"
- o Lucia responds, "**Where are you from?**"
- o The Lady says, "*I am from Heaven*"
- o When asked by Lucia if they were going to heaven, the Lady responds, "*Yes, but Francisco must say many Rosaries.*"
- o When asked about 2 other girls who had recently died, Mary indicated one was in heaven and the other was "*still in Purgatory*"

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## The Request


May 13, 1917



- o *"I want you to come here for 6 months, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day, at the same hour. I will tell you who I am and what I want. And I shall return here again a seventh time"*
- o *"Do you want to offer yourselves to God to endure all the sufferings that He may choose to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and as a supplication for the conversion of Sinners?"*
- o *"Yes we want to."*
- o *"Then you are going to suffer a great deal, but the grace of God will be your comfort."*

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## The Beginning of Suffering



- o The children agree not to tell anyone
- o Jacinta immediately blurts it out to her mother
  - o Mother does not believe her, condescendingly tells children's stories to other women
  - o Spreads out to the community
- o Lucia's mother particularly tries to have Lucia admit the lie—through caresses, threats, a broomstick, then takes her to the priest for confession

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## 2nd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima June 13, 1917



- o The Pastor, who is open to the idea, suggests the children do go to the Cova, but then be brought to him afterward.
- o Jacinta urges her mother to go with them, her mom wants to but is discouraged by the father from going.
- o Lucia goes to Fatima and convinces 14 other girls to join her in going to the Cova. Other adults travel as far as 20 miles.

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## 2nd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima June 13, 1917



- o Lucia states around noon, *“Quiet! Our Lady is coming!”*
- o All say the Rosary
- o A gentle voice, heard as buzzing of a bee by others, speaks to Lucia, *“I want you to come here on the 13<sup>th</sup> next month. Say the Rosary, inserting between the mysteries “O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need.” I want you to learn to read and write, and later I will tell you what else I want.*
- o Lucia asks to be taken to heaven, the Lady states she will take Jacinta (d. Feb 20, 1920) and Francisco (April 4, 1919) soon. Lucia must stay to establish devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

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## The Aftermath of the 2nd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima June 13, 1917



- o The adults watching see a small cloud leave the helm Oak tree. The leaves of the oak tree are bent as if someone had been standing on it. The onlookers break off small branches of the tree.
- o Jacinta describes the Lady as being beautiful, then blurts out that she told them a secret! Jacinta however will not tell the secret.

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## The 3rd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima July 13, 1917



- o The road to the Cova is packed with curiosity seekers. The children's mothers refuse to go, but go and remain hidden. Ti Marto, the father of Francisco and Jacinta, goes but keeps his distance.
- o The Blessed Mother appears and engulfs the 3 in her light. She says "I want you to come here on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the next month. Continue to say the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war; for she alone can save it."
- o Lucia asks, "Will you please tell us who You are and perform a miracle so that everyone will believe that you really appear to us?"
- o "In October, I will say who I am and I will perform a miracle all shall see, so that they believe."

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## The 3rd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima July 13, 1917



- o Lucia asks for cures and for the conversion of some people.
- o “Sacrifice yourselves for sinners; and say often, especially when you make some sacrifice: ‘O my Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady, I offer this sacrifice to Thee’”
- o **THE 1<sup>st</sup> SECRET** - Then Our Lady showed the children a vision of hell.
- o “You have seen Hell- where the soul of poor sinners go.”
- o If people will do what I tell you, many souls will be saved.”

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## The Prophecies of the 3rd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima



- o **THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SECRET** –
  - o The war will end shortly (It did on Nov 11, 1917) and
  - o If people “do not stop offending God, another and worse war will break out in the reign of Pius XI”
    - o Note Pius XI is elected 5 years later, dies in 1939.
  - o “When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that it is a great sign that God gives, that He is going to punish the world for its crimes by means of war, hunger, persecution of the Church and of the Holy Father”
  - o Happened January 25, 1938

**Aurora Borealis Startles Europe; People Flee in Fear, Call Firemen**  
**Britons Thought Windsor Castle Ablaze—Scots See Ill Omen—Snow-Clad Swiss Alps Glow—Short-Wave Radio Halts**

Special Note to The New York Times: It is probable that a similar aurora borealis was seen in London, Jan. 25.—The most brilliant aurora has not been seen in Western display of an aurora borealis over Europe since 1709.

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## The Prophecies of the 3rd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima July 13, 1917



- o *“To forestall this, I shall come to ask for the Consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays. If they heed my requests Russia will be converted and there will be peace. If not she shall spread her errors throughout the world...in the end, my Immaculate Heart shall triumph.*
  - o Remember Russia was not Bolshevik at the time. Russia was not consecrated by the pope and the rest is history.
- o **THE 3rd SECRET** -*“In Portugal, the dogma of the faith will always be preserved.”*
  - o The rest of this was not released until the year 2000.

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## The Conclusion of the 3rd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima July 13, 1917



- o *Thunder and a small earthquake, and the Lady disappears.*
- o *The crowd rushes to Lucia asking why she is so sad.*
- o Lucia: *“It’s a secret. For some it is good, for others, it is evil...I cannot tell it.”* This is the origin of the 3 secrets of Fatima.
- o *The crowd press in on the children. Ti Marto carries off Jacinta.*

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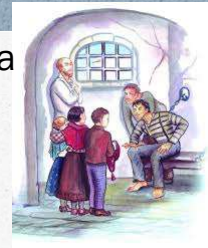
## The Effect of the 3rd Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima July 13, 1917



- o *The children are strongly affected by the vision of Hell*
  - o *Make personal sacrifices*
- o *Jacinta sees visions of the Holy Father praying before the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady*
- o *Visitors to Fatima increase daily. The Family loses privacy, are harassed. Children accused of fraud in the press. Lucia's mother publicly denounces daughter.*
- o *The Magistrate over Fatima, Artur Santos, gets involved*

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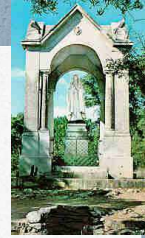
## The 4<sup>th</sup> Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to be seen August 13, 1917



- o *Santos fearing the effects of the Fatima Apparition interviews the children*
  - o *No support from Lucia's father*
  - o *Ti Marto says he believes*
- o *August 13, 1917 Santos decoys the children into getting into his carriage and kidnaps them, locks them in a room at his house.*
  - o *Demands to know the secret*
- o *At the Cova, the people found out about the kidnapping.*
  - o *Thunder came, a flash of light, and a cloud settled over the holm oak*
  - o *After a few minutes, the cloud disappeared. Everyone's face was bathed in red, white, blue light – all the colors of the rainbow*
  - o *A vigil lamp appeared to be gold*
- o *Next day Santos takes the children to jail and threatens to boil them in oil.*
  - o *The children pray the Rosary with the other prisoners*
  - o *Francisco refuses to tell the Secret even when told Jacinta had already been boiled*

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## The 4<sup>th</sup> Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima August 19, 1917



- o On Sunday at Valinhos pasture, Lucia with Francisco and his older brother see the signs of a visit - paling of the sun, a coolness, a flash of light, begin to happen.
- o John Marto, a brother, runs to get Jacinta for a 4 penny bribe from Lucia,
- o *“I want you to continue to come to the Cova da Iria on the 13th of the month and to continue to pray the Rosary”*
- o *“Pray, pray a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to Hell for not having someone to pray and make sacrifices for them”*
- o Lucia asks for a miracle. *“In the last month, in October, I shall perform a miracle so that all may believe in My Apparitions.”*

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## The 5<sup>th</sup> Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima September 13, 1917




- o The 3 pray daily, prostrate on the ground in the gully at Cabeco where they saw the angel repeating the Angel's prayer and the Rosary with the added "Fatima" prayer, and sacrificing.
- o The children feel separation and loneliness.
- o September 13<sup>th</sup> arrives and the children are swarmed. 25,000 to 30,000 are there at the Cova. The crowds beg for cures, safety of soldiers, etc.
- o Our Lady arrives. Lucia as always says *“What do you want of me?”*

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The 5<sup>th</sup> Apparition of  
Our Lady of Fatima  
September 13, 1917



- o *“Let the people pray the Rosary everyday to end the war. In the last month , in October, I shall perform a miracle...”*
- o *Joseph will come with baby Jesus to give peace to the world. Our Lord will also come to bless the people. Besides Our Lady of the Rosary and Our Lady of Sorrows will come. God is pleased with your sacrifices...*
- o *Use half of the money for the litters .. And half to help build a chapel”*
- o *“Many people say I am a swindler...please perform a miracle...”*

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The 5<sup>th</sup> Apparition of  
Our Lady of Fatima  
September 13, 1917





- o Monsignor Quaresma from Leiria, PT (16 mi away) was there that day and later stated in 1932 in a letter to a colleague:  
*“There had not been a cloud in the deep blue sky and I too raised my eyes and scrutinized it in case I should be able to distinguish what the others, more fortunate than I, had already claimed to have seen... With great astonishment I saw, clearly and distinctly, a luminous globe, which moved from the east to the west, gliding slowly and majestically through space.”*  
He asked his friend what he saw: *“That was Our Lady!”*  
It is estimated that 2/3 of those there saw the apparition

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## The 6<sup>th</sup> Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima October 13, 1917

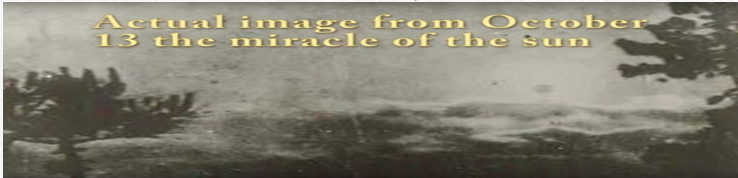
- o The adults were worried – what would happen if the miracle did not happen? Fear and panic
- o The children are pressured to admit they lied.
- o Newspaper journalist arrive from Lisbon and elsewhere
- o Many gather ahead of time at Cova, sleeping in the open air overnight
- o A light rain turns to a hard rain
- o Over 70000 are present



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## The 6<sup>th</sup> Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima October 13, 1917

Actual image from October 13 the miracle of the sun



- o A flash of light, the Lady appears
- o Lucia: **“What does your Grace want of me?”**
- o *“A chapel to be built in my honor; “say the Rosary every day”; “the war will end soon and soldiers will return to their homes”*
- o *“I have many requests—heal the sick, convert some sinners ...”*
- o *“some yes, others no. People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord for He is already too much offended.”*
- o Our Lady took leave of the children, pointed to the sun. **“There she goes; there she goes!”**

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## The Miracle of the Sun October 13, 1917

- o Clouds suddenly disperse
- o Sun is as pale as the moon
- o St. Joseph appears (waist on up) to the left of the sun holding the child Jesus
- o Our Lady appears in blue and white as Our Lady of the Rosary, then as Our Lady of Sorrows, finally as Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- o All were bathed in various colors of light



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## The Miracle of the Sun October 13, 1917

- o The Sun began rotating, then began dancing in the sky, finally plunging toward the earth.
- o People were on their knees and were shouting
- o After about 10 minutes, the sun resumed its place
- o Peoples' clothes were dry!
- o Any Evidence?



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## Evidence for the Miracle of the Sun October 13, 1917

- o Secular Newspaper accounts
  - o O Dia
  - o O Seculo (Lisbon)
  - o Ordem (Oporto)
- o Dr. Almeida Garrett, Professor at the Univ. of Coimbra
- o Other Eyewitnesses, including Government Officials
- o Seen by individuals 20 miles away



STILL DON'T BELIEVE? Are all the people liars. Are they all fools?  
After all none of the Astronomical Observatories saw such an event.

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## Two Viewpoints

**Richard Dawkins, Phd,  
noted 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Atheist**

- o It may seem improbable that 70,000 people could simultaneously be deluded, or could simultaneously collude in a mass lie...**but any of those apparent improbabilities is far more probable** than the alternative: that the earth was suddenly yanked sideways...with nobody outside Fatima noticing it.

**José Alves Correia da Silva  
Bishop of Leiria**

- o The children long before set the day and the hour at which it (the miracle) was to take place...**This miracle was not natural.** It was seen by people of all classes, members of the Church and non-Catholics. It was seen by reporters of the principal newspapers and by people many miles away.

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## Remembering the Real Reason for Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun

- o Not just to show us that God is real
- o Not just to show us that the Apparition and its prophecies are true

God knew what the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was going to be like.  
Our Lady was sent to us out of Love:

1. To bring the world to Jesus
2. To help save sinners from Hell
3. To show us the world's sinfulness
4. To help save the world from another Great War

Our Lady was sent to show us that Man CAN participate in the Redemptive Act of Jesus through our prayers and reparation. It is always Jesus but as Paul says (paraphrased) in Col 1:24, "We are to rejoice in our sufferings for others sake, and in our flesh we complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church"

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## Remembering the Real Reason for Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun

- o From the words Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, aka Pope Benedict XVI, as written in the Vatican document *The Message of Fatima*, released June 26, 2000

“Allow me to add here a personal recollection: in a conversation with me, Sister Lucia said that it appeared ever more clearly to her that the purpose of all the apparitions was to help people to grow more and more in faith, hope and love—everything else was intended to lead to this.”

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## Epilogue



- o What happened to the children
  - o Francisco
    - o Continued to pray the Rosary and the Angel's prayer
    - o Saw no reason to study
      - o Did not pass his Catechism test and had his 1<sup>st</sup> Communion deferred a year
    - o In October 1918, he and the Marto family came down with the flu (the Great Spanish Flu Epidemic)
      - o Offered up his sufferings to save souls
      - o Saw a vision of a beautiful light April 3, 1919
      - o Died April 4, 1919
    - o He was named Blessed in May 13, 2000. Canonized on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first apparition May 13, 2017 by Pope Francis

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## Jacinta



- Was heartbroken by the death of Francisco
- Continued to pray the Rosary and the Angel's prayer and made many personal sacrifices
- Thought often of Hell, the loss of sinners, the upcoming war
- Taken to a hospital in the town of Ourem for 2 months, then released uncured
- Had little apparitions with Our Lady - Told she would go to another hospital in Lisbon, would die alone; had more apparitions there
- Died February 20, 1920 The aroma of flowers filled the air at her wake
- September 12, 1935 her body was moved to Fatima, and it was discovered to be incorrupted.
- She was named Blessed in 2000. Canonized on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first apparition May 13, 2017 by Pope Francis

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## Lucia



- Lucia was sent under a new name (Maria das Dores) to a convent by Bishop da Silva of Leiria in order to give her privacy. She was allowed to re-visit the cave, Cova and Valinhos
- She later asks to join the Sisters of St. Dorothy, but ended up becoming a Discalced Carmelite on May 31, 1949

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## Lucia and 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Devotion

- o Our Lady and the child Jesus appear to Lucia at her convent December 10, 1925
- o Jesus speaks first: *"Have pity on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother. It is covered with the thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to make reparation."*
- o Our Lady: *"...Do you at least try to console me and announce in my name that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those, who on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of 5 consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite the Rosary and keep me company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to me."*



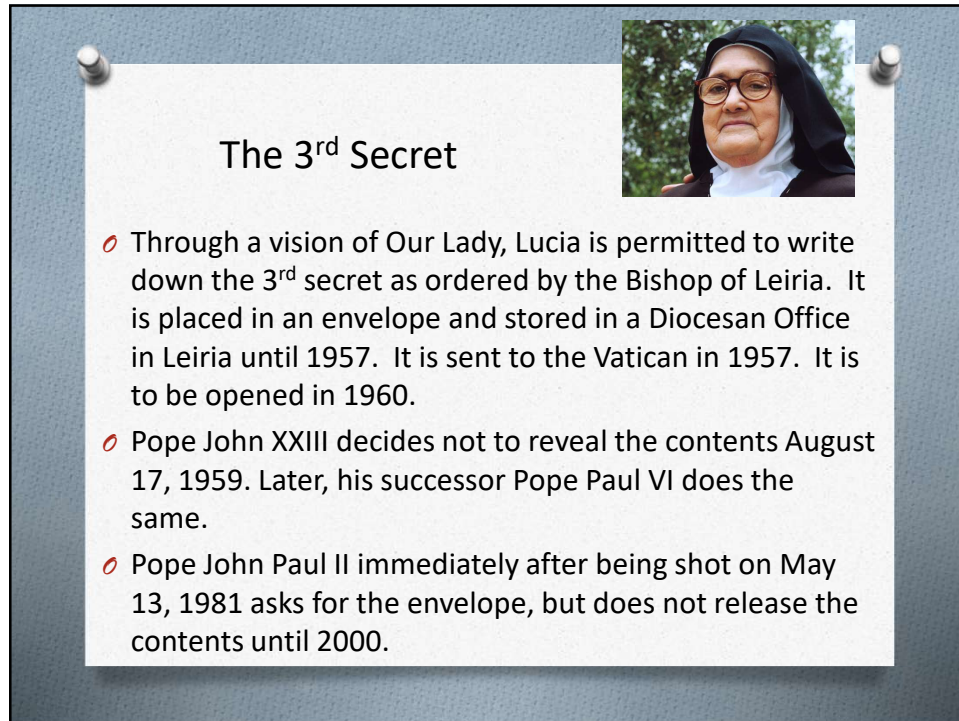
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## Lucia and the Secrets




- o In 1927 Lucia receives permission from heaven to release the first 2 secrets
    - o 1) vision of hell
    - o 2a) reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady
    - o 2b) consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady
  - o 3rd secret was written down January 9, 1944
- Consecration of Russia**
- o In 1929, Our Lady appears to Lucia to ask for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart.
  - o In 1931, Our Lady says *"Make it known to my ministers, given that they follow the example of the King of France in delaying the execution of my command (to consecrate Russia), they will follow him into misfortune. It will never be too late to have recourse to Jesus and Our Lady."*
  - o In 1940, Lucia writes to the Pope asking for the consecration. A consecration of the Church and the world is made in 1942, but does not name Russia by name.
  - o Additional consecrations in 1967 (Paul VI), 1982 (JP II) and 1983 but is not valid as it did not include all the Bishops

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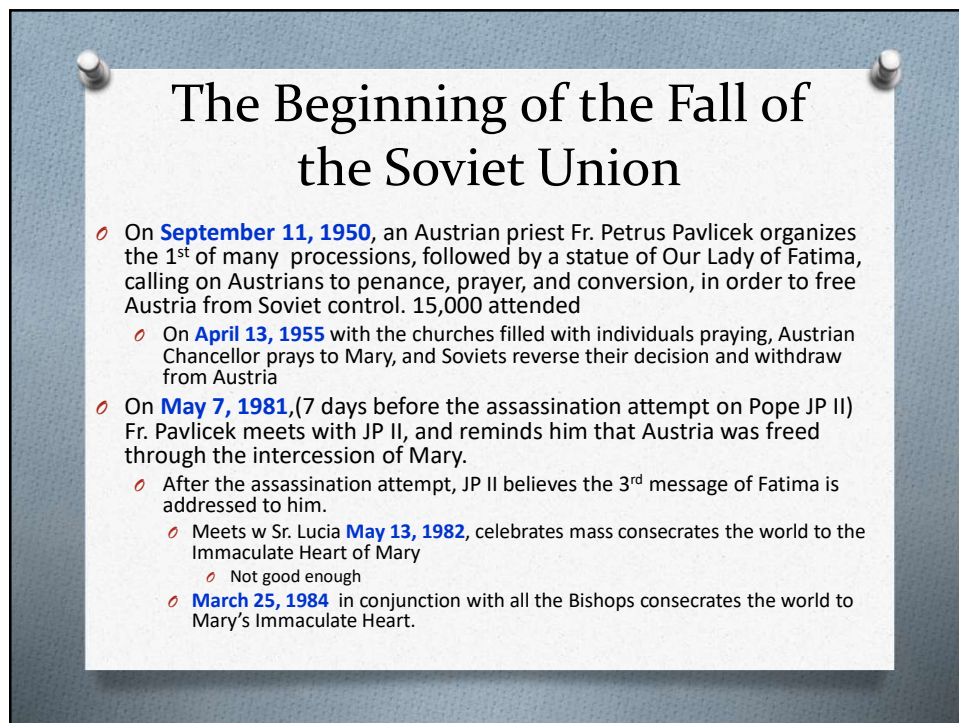


### The 3<sup>rd</sup> Secret



- o Through a vision of Our Lady, Lucia is permitted to write down the 3<sup>rd</sup> secret as ordered by the Bishop of Leiria. It is placed in an envelope and stored in a Diocesan Office in Leiria until 1957. It is sent to the Vatican in 1957. It is to be opened in 1960.
- o Pope John XXIII decides not to reveal the contents August 17, 1959. Later, his successor Pope Paul VI does the same.
- o Pope John Paul II immediately after being shot on May 13, 1981 asks for the envelope, but does not release the contents until 2000.

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### The Beginning of the Fall of the Soviet Union

- o On **September 11, 1950**, an Austrian priest Fr. Petrus Pavlicek organizes the 1<sup>st</sup> of many processions, followed by a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, calling on Austrians to penance, prayer, and conversion, in order to free Austria from Soviet control. 15,000 attended
  - o On **April 13, 1955** with the churches filled with individuals praying, Austrian Chancellor prays to Mary, and Soviets reverse their decision and withdraw from Austria
- o On **May 7, 1981**, (7 days before the assassination attempt on Pope JP II) Fr. Pavlicek meets with JP II, and reminds him that Austria was freed through the intercession of Mary.
  - o After the assassination attempt, JP II believes the 3<sup>rd</sup> message of Fatima is addressed to him.
    - o Meets w Sr. Lucia **May 13, 1982**, celebrates mass consecrates the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
      - o Not good enough
    - o **March 25, 1984** in conjunction with all the Bishops consecrates the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart.

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## The Crumbling of the Soviet Union

- o **1984**, The Soviet Union realizing that they are losing the Cold War, plan a surprise Nuclear offensive.
- o **May 13, 1984** One of the largest crowds in Fatima history gathers at the shrine to pray the Rosary for peace.
- o **May 13, 1984** An explosion at the Soviets' Severomorsk Naval Base destroys two-thirds of all the missiles stockpiled for the Soviets' Northern Fleet. The blast also destroys workshops needed to maintain the missiles as well as hundreds of scientists and technicians. Western military experts called it the worst naval disaster the Soviet Navy has suffered since WWII.
- o **December 1984** Soviet Defense Minister, mastermind of the nuclear war invasion plans for Western Europe, suddenly and mysteriously dies.
- o **In 1985** Mary reveals to Sr. Lucia that the JP II consecration prevented a Nuclear War

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## The Contents of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Secret




- o "At the left of Our Lady and a little above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendour that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, **the Angel cried out in a loud voice: 'Penance, Penance, Penance!'** And we saw in an immense light that is God: 'something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it' a Bishop dressed in White 'we had the impression that it was the Holy Father'. Other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious going up a steep mountain, at the top of which there was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark; before reaching there **the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow**, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way; having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross **he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets** and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other Bishops, Priests, men and women Religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels each with a crystal aspersion in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the Martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.

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## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Secret



- o The Church sees this as allegorical in nature rather than prophetic.
- o However, Pope John Paul II did believe that the bishop in white was himself, but that he was spared death through the influence of Our Lady.
- o The key is a statement in Sr Lucia's memoirs. -*"In Portugal, the dogma of the faith will always be preserved."*
- o This implies persecution of the Church and its teaching. The 3<sup>rd</sup> secret is to warn the Church of impending persecution and an attack by the press.
- o The Church has seen more martyrs in the 20<sup>th</sup> century than in all over centuries combined.
- o Its teachings are mocked by the secular press.

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## Sister Lucia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart



- o **Writings** - Lúcia wrote six memoirs during her lifetime. The first four were written between 1935 and 1941, and the English translation is published under the name *Fatima in Lucia's Own Words*. The fifth and six memoirs, written in 1989 and 1993, are published in English under the name *Fatima in Lucia's Own Words II*. These latter books were written in her own handwriting.
- o **Death** -Sister Lúcia had been blind and deaf and ailing for some years prior to her death. She died February 13, 2005 at the Carmelite convent of Santa Teresa in Coimbra, where she had lived since 1948. February 15, 2005, was declared a day of national mourning in Portugal.
- o **Canonization process** - On February 13, 2008 (the third anniversary of her death), Pope Benedict XVI announced that in the case of Sister Lúcia he would waive the five-year waiting period established by ecclesiastical law before opening a cause for beatification. On February 13, 2017, Sister Lúcia was accorded the title **Servant of God**, as the first major step toward her canonization.

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## Concluding Prayers

### **The Five Prayers taught at Fatima**

- o **ANGEL** - *My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.*
- o *Most Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit- I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee 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 indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.*
- o **OUR LADY** - *Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee! My God, my God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament.*
- o *Oh my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady.*
- o *Oh My Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.*