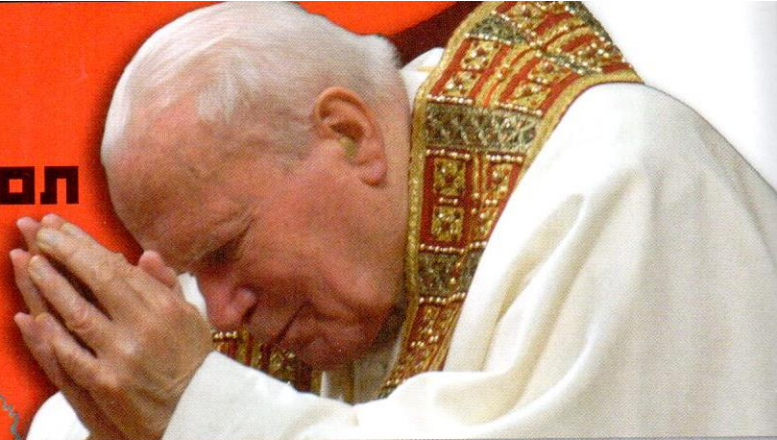




# THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA

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Why did Pope St. John Paul II, on March 25, 1984, consecrate the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and not just Russia alone, as Our Lady of Fatima requested? To answer this question we must first ask: "Why did Our Lady of Fatima request the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart by the Pope in union with all the bishops of the Catholic Church?"

Our Lady at Fatima warned that the world would face punishment for its sins, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. She warned that a Second World War would start during the pontificate of Pope Pius XI. She said,

To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated.

The reason Our Lady requested the consecration of Russia by the Pope and bishops of the Catholic Church was to prevent World War II and to prevent communist Russia from spreading her atheist ideology throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church, the martyrdom of the good, the suffering of the Holy Father and the annihilation of various nations.

## TO WHOM DID OUR LADY MAKE THIS REQUEST?

On June 13, 1929, Our Lady appeared to Sister Lucia in the chapel of her convent and said, "The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father,

in union with all the Bishops of the world, to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means." The request was not made to St. John Paul II, or to any random pope at some time in the future! No, the request was made to Pope Pius XI!

If Pope Pius XI had made the consecration of Russia in union with all the bishops of the Church, the following things would have resulted:

1. Russia would have been converted before amassing the power to spread the errors of atheistic Communism all over the world.

2. There would have been no World War II, through which Russia captured half of Europe, gaining the economic means to infect the world with atheistic Communism.

3. There would have been no Soviet Union, no Red China, no communist North Korea, no communist Vietnam, no communist Cuba, and no Christian martyrs in those countries.

4. There would have been no Russian supported communist uprisings and revolutions throughout the world, in Africa, South America and Asia.

5. Christian countries would not have been morally and spiritually undermined by Soviet propaganda.

6. There would have been peace throughout the world during the second half of the twentieth century!

7. The West would have been better united and morally and spiritually stronger for meeting the threat of Islamic terrorism, and acting more effectively against it.



Pope Pius XI failed to make the consecration of Russia as requested by Our Lady. Great suffering resulted from this in the world and the Church. Sister Lucia said Our Lord spoke to her in an intimate communication, saying "They did not wish to heed my request...they will repent and do it, but it will be late. Russia will already have spread her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and the persecution of the Church; the Holy Father will have much to suffer." The consecration would be made, eventually, but it would be too late to prevent the evils foretold by Our Lady.

After the assassination attempt on St. John Paul II's life, he made a careful study of the Message of Fatima. It was obvious that the consecration of Russia requested of Pope Pius XI had not been made, and the evils foretold by Our Lady and Our Lord had come to pass. World War II was long over, Russia had expanded its power, becoming the atheistic Soviet Union. Its propaganda had infected the whole world – even Catholic countries -- with a spirit of rebellion against God's laws and the Christian faith, with publicly accepted and promoted atheism and immorality.

### THE DAMAGE HAD BEEN DONE

Realizing the damage could no longer be prevented, the question St. John Paul II faced was, what did the Message of Fatima teach us that could now be done effectively to counter and repair the spiritual and moral harm done to the world and the Church? Evidently, the Holy Father decided, with the grace and spiritual authority of the papacy, that because the consecration had not been done in time, what was now needed was a consecration of the whole world.

Our Lady did not say the whole world would be converted by the consecration of Russia, only that Russia would be converted before it would infect the whole world with atheism, immorality and the spirit of rebellion against the established civil order. The Pope apparently judged, reasonably, that in 1984 the conversion of Russia would only prevent further infection of the world by the errors of Russia, but would not repair the extremely grave damage already done. It was the Holy Father's judgment that the whole world now needed the powerful help of Our Lady to counter the errors of Russia already established and active in the world:

influencing world governments to approve abortion and all sorts of immoral behavior as protected and celebrated human rights.

So, St. John Paul II asked all the Catholic bishops of the Church to join him in consecrating the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with special prayers for those countries such as Russia that particularly needed her intercession. Sister Lucia said the 1984 consecration was accepted by God, the Soviet Union collapsed and Russia officially returned to the Christian faith. Today daily prayer and Christian instruction are required in Russian public schools. In a public ceremony broadcast throughout Russia, President Vladimir Putin and his political staff kissed the Icon of Our Lady of Kazan, the holiest Image of Our Lady as Queen of Russia.

This is not to say that Putin is a saint, or that Russia is now a great political ally of the United States. They aren't. But the fact remains that today Russia is officially "Christian" and there is no longer a Soviet Union bent on enslaving other nations under atheistic regimes.

### BUT WHAT GOOD HAS THAT DONE FOR THE UNITED STATES?

The errors of Russia continue to influence the corruption of our culture and the other formerly Christian cultures of the world. At least we no longer have the power and influence of the Soviet Union continuing to promote international atheism by ideology and by conquest.

It's now up to Catholics in every country to learn, live and spread the Message of Fatima in order to fulfill Our Lady's primary request for prayer and penance in order to bring about the conversion of sinners, and by this means to obtain the blessing of peace. It's no longer a question of what Our Lady asked the Pope to do. He has done all he could. It is now a question of what Our Lady asked the rest of us to do, which is summarized in the WAF Pledge.