

IMPORTANT DATE: SUNDAY OF HOPE, OCTOBER 13, 2024
THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN ANNIVERSARY
OUR LADY IS CALLING ALL OF US TO PRAY

Our Lady of Fatima revealed: “**I am the Lady of the Rosary**. I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and to ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord any more, for He is already too grievously offended by the sins of men. People must say the Rosary. Let them continue saying it every day.” (October 13, 1917)

Mother Mary taught us how we can save souls, stop wars and attain world peace.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO RESPOND TO HER CALL?

1) Start by observing Our Lady’s requests at Fatima:



- Consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (*many have annually with Bishop Scharfenberger since 2016*).
- Offer up your daily tasks as a sacrifice in reparation for your own sins and the sins of others.
- Recite the Rosary daily.
- Wear the Brown Scapular as a sign of personal consecration to Mary, and make acts of reparation to her Immaculate Heart.
- Make the First Five Saturdays with the attendant 15 minutes of meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary in company with Mary.
- Make visits to the Blessed Sacrament in reparation for sins against her Immaculate Heart.
- Do extra penances and say extra prayers for the conversion of sinners.

2) Begin today to reform your life completely and to orient it toward God. Determine, with God’s grace, to become a saint. Engage in spiritual reading daily.

3) Say the prayers taught by Our Lady in 1917 and the Angel in Fatima in 1916.

4) Ask Our Lady to guide you in your vocation and to give you an apostolate suitable to your station in life. A true gift change of heart in God’s mercy.

The messages teach us to reform our lives and serve Our Lord through many ways.

Consider Volunteering: The Divine Mercy Shrine, in Stockbridge, MA, is in pressing need of volunteers. It is a spiritually inspiring and very holy place to visit. My husband Tim volunteers there on a regular basis and enjoys greeting pilgrims, ushering, and transporting visitors in golf carts around the site. If you are interested in volunteering, please call or email the National Shrine of Divine Mercy Coordinator of Volunteers for further information at (413) 298-1114 or volunteers@marian.org. Thank you.

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THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA, U.S.A.



*“Family of Nazareth,
Pray for Us”*

2024—2025 ISSUE

We are honored to have Bishop Scharfenberger
appoint Father Rendell Torres as our Spiritual Director.

We are very grateful.

Letter from Father Rendell Torres

Greetings!

I am very grateful, humbled, and honored to be appointed by Bishop Scharfenberger as the spiritual director for the Albany Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima. Originally from southern California, I moved to Troy, New York, in 2001 to teach and do research in architectural acoustics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. I began seminary formation in 2004 and was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Albany on June 12, 2010, the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to whom I credit my trust in Jesus and my love for her Son.

Providentially I was on the same pilgrimage to Fatima in March 2011 with Tim, Joanne, and Deirdre O’Hara. It was my first time there, and I am so grateful for it. One of the high points was the wonderfully blessed opportunity at the Apparition Chapel at Fatima to lead a prayer of Consecration to Jesus through Mary on March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

I first consecrated myself to Jesus through Mary in 2007, using St. Louis de Montfort’s approach, and I renew my consecration annually with various approaches, including Fr. Michael Gaitley’s book *33 Days to Morning Glory. Our Lady gently, mysteriously, and beautifully brings me ever closer to the merciful and Sacred Heart of Jesus her Son. I do not know what I would be like without living out my Marian consecration.*

I am here to serve anyone in our Diocese who is interested in learning and living the powerful message and spirituality of Fatima. The First Saturdays devotion is itself a monthly framework for one’s spiritual life. On that note, I heartily invite you to my parish’s Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 5! We will start with Confessions at 8:30 am, Mass at 9:00 am, then Adoration with 15 minutes of silent meditation on the rosary, and Benediction. We will then have a short presentation on the Rosary and its benefits for our souls, followed by a procession with the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima, processing to our outdoor Fatima Shrine where we will pray the rosary for the world, and then share in refreshments. Please feel free to find out more information or contact me using contact information from my parish’s website: www.stjoseph.work God bless you!

Peace in Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Rendell R. Torres

WE ARE MARY'S SOLDIERS OF PEACE

EPHESIANS 6: Take up the shield of FAITH, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of SALVATION and the sword of the SPIRIT, which is the WORD OF GOD.

Let the wings of angels surround us and guide us as they taught us. Blessed Mother of Fatima with her Legion of Angels and Blue Army of prayer warrior counties encircled Communist Russia to bring down the "Iron Curtain of Communism. ST. MICHAEL, PRAY FOR US.

We can now encircle our diocese, our nation, and our world with God's chosen Army of Our Lady of Fatima of Prayer. Our Pope, Bishops, Priests, did with the Eucharistic Congress around the globe. Our Bishop Scharfenberger has done so annually starting in 2016, having us consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, with the book *33 Days to Morning Glory*. by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC; then consecrating our diocese to Divine Mercy using Father Gaitley's book *33 Days to Merciful Love*. Many of us also have done the Consecration to St. Joseph using the book *Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders Of Our Spiritual Father* by Father Donald H. Calloway, MIC, which challenged me the most, and I appreciated how much I learned about St. Joseph. Our Spiritual Director, Father Torres recited the St. Louis De Monfort Consecration prayer with our pilgrimage group at Fatima in March 2011, and I (Joanne) recited it on our local Catholic Radio Channel, WOPG FM 89.9, AM 1460. Thank God for EWTN.

Now it is our turn to follow Our Lady of Fatima's Peace Plan.

The Great awakening of the Our Ladies Message because the Consecration to Her Immaculate Heart was not done by 1938, "When you shall a night illuminated by an unknown light, (January 25, 1938), know that He is going to punish the world for its many crimes by means of war, hunger, and persecution of the Church and the Holy Father. Our Lady added: "To prevent this, I shall come to ask the Consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation (completed on March 25, 1984) and on the five first Saturdays. If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted (and it has on July 27, 2010) and there will be peace. If not, she will scatter her errors throughout the world, provoking wars and persecution of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and various nations will be destroyed...

... "But in the end, my Immaculate Heart will Triumph, the Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, Russia will be converted to the world." (Amen)

NOW IS THE TIME TO GIVE OUR HEARTS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY...



IF THE CONSECRATION WAS NOT DONE, HOW WOULD RUSSIA SPREAD HER ERRORS?

It helps by researching the history what Communism did, God give inspirations/hints along the way before 1917?

The CD “OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND THE FALL OF COMMUNISM” BY CRAIG TURNER GIVES US SOME VALUABLE INSIGHTS.

In 1843 and then again in 1846 and 1847, Jesus appeared to a young Carmelite Nun in Tours, France, Sister St. Mary of Saint Peter. She began to experience hocusions and visions of Jesus. First Jesus asked to always honor Him and Mary, and never separate the two. Jesus shared there was an approaching storm. The approaching storm, Jesus called it, the malice of revolutionary men. On March 14th Jesus spoke interiorly sharing this time that the storm was “a society called Communists working in secret and diabolical plots and their anti-Christian principles.” Jesus gave her a special prayer and devotion to be given to the Arch Bishop, to eventually give to the pope. “This devotion would destroy the

group supernaturally and thus destroy the group by supernatural means.” Christ appeared again describing them as “Enemies of the Church and of Her Christ.”

In 1847, when Jesus appeared to Sister, Jesus appearance was at the same time as Carl Marx, the Father of Communism, wrote, in 1887, **the Communist Manifesto** financed by Fredrick Angles which Jesus warned Sister St. Mary of St. Peter about **the rise of Communism.**

And we know the rest of the story.

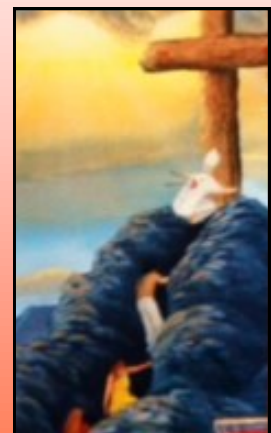
My Dad shared, in 1968, his brother’s farm in Poland; the land belonged to the government and took 75% of the crops earnings. His brother owned his house but he was only allowed to keep 25% to feed his family and pay the mortgage which is passed from generation to generation. This is called Communism. My Dad said, this is the best country in the world because we are free.

Mr. Turner wondered if the special prayers and devotion Jesus gave Sister St. Mary of Peter was the same prayers and devotion Jesus and Mary requested 1929; the Consecration and the 1st Saturday Devotion to prevent the spread of Communism (in our time)?

Mr. Turner shared on October 13, 1884, Pope Leo XIII also experienced an extraordinary hocusion where he was knocked to the floor after mass and heard Jesus and the devil discussing how the devil needed more time, 75-100 years, to conquer the world. Through Jesus’ reluctance to subject His people and to submit them to the test, Jesus granted his request. (Jesus trusted us.) Mr. Turner found it amazing how Pope John Paul II Consecrated Russia and Russia’s errors throughout the world on the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, 1984 coincidentally only short of Pope Leo XIII 100th anniversary. Pope John Paul II grew up under Communist control and understood the importance of completing Our Lady of Fatima’s request. He sent his closest bishop friend into USSR and also where he recited the Consecration, at the two churches closed down in USSR, and at Lenin’s tomb fulfilling the Consecration confirmed to Sister Lucia. It appears Pope John Paul II may have picked the Annunciation date, because Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on the eve of the Feast Day followed by U.S. declaring war on the feast day itself. Then Japan was forced to surrender and did on the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary in the Church there named after Our Lady’s Feast. The Jesuits miraculously were spared from the effects of the Hiroshima bomb.

Thank you Pope Benedict XVI for the novena requesting Our Lady’s help and Our Lady of Fatima and the Angel of Peace taught us well in 1917.

May we complete Our Lord and Our Lady’s request for peace. Amen.



IGNITING OUR FAITH

How has your faith developed and who may have guided your life's journey? And how did it affect your life when your faith was missing or forgotten or challenged?

These are questions we may be asking today and where are "we" in the world now?

The three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta grew up and were raised in their faith through their parents teachings in 1917 and by their example. Lucia's Mom was a religious ed teacher. Times were different then. Life was more simple.

My Dad was an immigrant from Poland. My Mom was the 1st generation Polish American. They, especially my Dad, taught me a lot by his words and example. He grew up in Poland and his lessons were all scripturally based. "Don't worry what other people do, think about what you do because when you get to St. Peter's gate, God is going ask you what you did, not what the person did to you."

It wasn't until I attended 1st Communion preparation classes, and I was handed my First Communion Catechism Book and opened it to the 1st page and it asked:

Who made you? God made me.

Why did God make you? God made me to show His goodness and to make me happy with Him in heaven.

What God Wants Me to Do

God wants me to know, love and serve Him.

I know God by many ways:

My heart tells me that there is a God.

All people know this in their hearts.

God gave me my parents.

They show me that God loves me.

What must you do to be happy with God in heaven?

To be happy with God in heaven, I must know Him, love Him and serve Him in this world.

I show my love for God when I obey His commandments.

I show my love for God when I am kind to my neighbor.

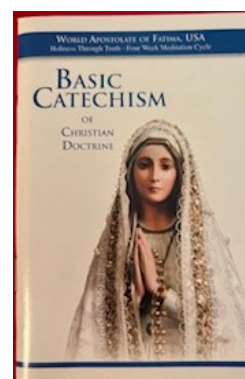
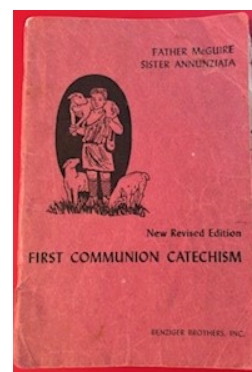
If I know God,

If I love God, He will take me to heaven.

Thank you: Keep Holy the Lord's Day

My Dad taught me how to survive. He grew up in Communist Poland. He was in a

German prison camp for 5 years during WWII. It was his faith that saved him. His 4 sister died during WW1 from the same Spanish Flu the Fatima visionaries, Francisco and Jacinta died from in 1919 and 1920. God IS with us. He SENT His Son to die for our sins. God SENT His Mother, Our Lady of Fatima, to teach us how (through Love). God Bless.



The World Apostolate of Fatima, Our Lady's Blue Army has a pocket size Basic Catechism we can give.

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WE ARE (PRAYER) CELLS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

In Colossians 1:24, it says: “Now rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. So Paul suffers, and in his suffering, he fills up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions.”

Our Lady said, “Souls fall to Hell like snowflakes because they have no one to pray for them.” So far in this newsletter we learned the importance of praying for the salvation of souls, preventing wars, and for world peace. Now, as prayer cells in the Body of Christ, let us joyfully nourish our own body and souls.

I shared how my 1st Communion jump started my faith, how has Our Lady’s messages continues to nourish my faith. The body cells God has given us is to be nourished, spiritually, and physically through exercise, mentally through mental exercise, intellectually and physically, etc. If one is missing, it throws the body out of sync. So, how do we nourish our spiritually needed cell? Put on the armor of God. **“Go forth and serve Our Lord.”**

Join us, our Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima. We are a division of the Church’s only official apostolate for promoting the messages of Our Lady of Fatima. We are here to serve you and our church for the salvation of souls and for world peace. God bless you. St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael, and Our Guardian angel intercede for us. Amen.

I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. I beg pardon for all those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.

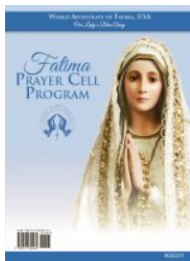
The World Apostolate of Fatima Blue Army of Prayer offers some ideas:

FATIMA PRAYER CELL PROGRAM

The Prayer Cell began in 1916 with the appearance of the Angel of Peace to The three Shepherd Children.

Our Lady appeared in 1917 told them to pray and make sacrifices for sinners. Prayer cell members do the same.

- Examine of Conscience, The Pardon Prayer
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Eucharist, The Eucharistic Prayer
- Keep the Rosary Fresh
- Sacrifice Prayer
- Pardon Prayer
- Prayer of St. Michael
- Spiritual Readings
- Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Find how much these prayers will positively affect our inner self gradually over time. Thank you.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA HOME ENTHRONEMENT

What is a Home Enthronement?

To “Enthronement” in the home means that pictures or statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are ceremonially placed in a place of honor with the family and visitors present. May families pray together from the heart, with love.



Prayer by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:
“Hail, most loving Hearts of Jesus and Mary! We venerate you. We love and honor you. We give and consecrate ourselves to you forever. Receive us and possess us entirely. Purify, enlighten and sanctify us so that we may love you, Jesus, with the Heart of Mary, and love you, Mary, with the Heart of Jesus. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for

World Apostolate of Fatima—Albany, NY Division Opportunities with Our Lady

- **Promotes Lessons of Fatima**
- **First Saturday Devotion**
- **Rosary Processions**
- **Home Enthronements**
- **Family Consecrations**
- **Visitations of Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima**
- **Talks and Video Presentations**
- **Home, Schools, Parishes, Prayer Groups**
- **Programs for Children**



THE OUR LADY'S 2024 TRAVEL SCHEDULE

- **St. Patrick's Day** Parade in Albany, NY (done)
- **4th of July Parade** in Pittsfield, MA (done)
- **Exaltation of the Cross** Eucharistic Procession with Father Isopo, St. Luke's Church walk church (done)
- **World Apostolate of Fatima annual meeting** in Washington, NJ Thursday,—Saturday, September 19-21, 20
- **Alice 20th Annual Rosary Gathering**, September 28, 2024 in East Nassau, NY
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024 MASS & ROSARY RALLY**
Confessions 8:30 am; 9:00 am Mass; 10:00 am Talk on Rosary followed by Rosary Rally and refreshments.
St. Joseph the Worker Church, 303 W. Main Street, West Winfield, NY

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JOIN US ALL IN PRAYER

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Our journey of faith:

To follow Our Lady of Fatima's Peace Plan for the Salvation of Souls, our nation, to prevent war and have peace.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY, Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us. Amen.

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The Angel of Peace asked, "Pray, pray very much. Make everything a sacrifice. And offer up to God as an act of reparation for the sins by which God is offended and as a supplication for the conversion of sinners. **Bring peace to your country this way.**"

These requests: By Penance: amend our lives, give up our easy sins; make reparations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Divine Mercy) and to Mary (of Fatima) so grievously offended by our sins.

By Reparations: 1) offering our sacrifice to atone for our sins; 2) fulfilling our daily duties to the best of our abilities, 3) accepting responsibilities of our state in life; obey the Ten Commandments of God.

Prayer: "O my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for all the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary." Amen.

SEE INSIDE OPPORTUNITIES: *What we can learn in history thus far and the hope we have today for the salvation of souls and world peace. Invite Our Lady to visit you.*

CHANGE MY HEART, MIND AND SOUL LORD.

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