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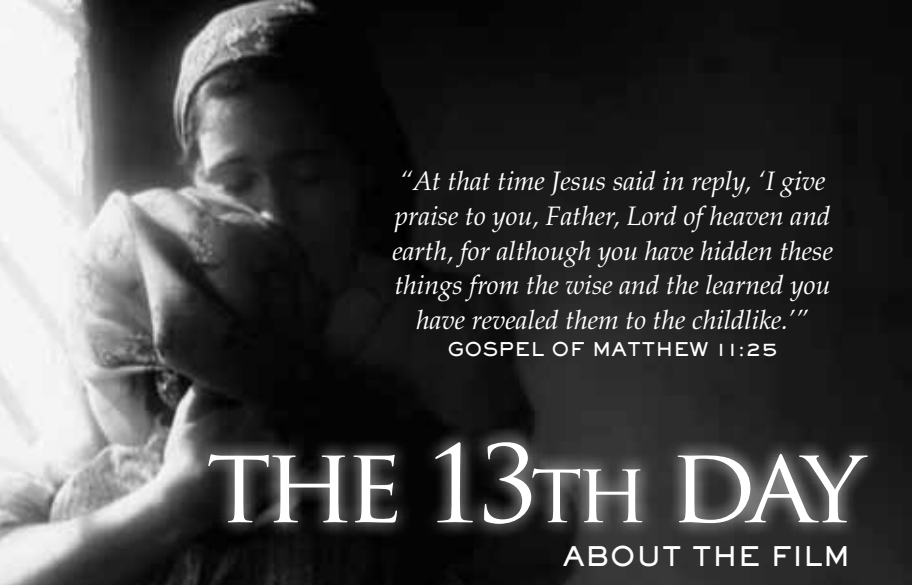


THE 13TH DAY

F I L M C O M P A N I O N B O O K L E T

“AND A GREAT SIGN APPEARED IN HEAVEN,
A WOMAN CLOTHED WITH THE SUN . . .”

REVELATION 12:1



“At that time Jesus said in reply, ‘I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.’”

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 11:25

THE 13TH DAY

ABOUT THE FILM

BASED ON the memoirs of Sister Maria Lucia de Jesus dos Santos, and thousands of independent eyewitness accounts, *The 13th Day* is a dramatic retelling of the experiences of three shepherd children between May and October 1917.

The 13th Day, the first major motion picture by directors Ian and Dominic Higgins, opens with Sister Maria Lucia de Jesus dos Santos recalling the events that transpired between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917 in the Cova da Iria (Cove of Irene) region of Fatima, Portugal. The date is 1937 and Sister Lucia, at the Convent of Pontevedre, has been asked by her superiors to write down the events that she said “changed her life forever.”

Sister Lucia places the events in time, demonstrating that they took place during a period of great turmoil—the First World War in Europe and the Communist revolution in Russia.

“In Fatima,” she says, “we were lucky. It seemed to us as if our lives went on as normal.”

Lucia introduces us to her cousins, the

other two seers, the compassionate Francisco and the younger Jacinta.

Although primarily black and white, filmmakers Ian and Dominic Higgins creatively utilize color in the film during those moments when the supernatural is breaking through to our natural world.

This first happens during the heavenly lady’s first appearance to the three children on May 13, 1917.

At the first apparition, the heavenly lady asks the children to pray the Rosary every day, and asks them to return to the same place, at the same time, on the 13th of every month for five months.

Although the children agree not to tell anyone, Jacinta is unable to contain her excitement, revealing the events to her family members. Jacinta’s father, “Ti” Marto, is one of the first to believe the children. Others are skeptical.

Lucia’s own mother, Maria Rosa (played by Jane Lesley), is both doubtful and hostile, blaming her husband for filling their children’s heads with “fairy stories.”

Unable to get her daughter to recant,

Maria takes Lucia to the parish priest, Father Ferreira, for further interrogation. While not inclined to believe that the apparition is from Heaven, he is willing to believe that Lucia has had some contact with the supernatural.

As a result of the tremendous amount of disbelief, Lucia is plagued with doubts, nightmares, and the taunts of family, neighbors, and friends.

Determined to run away and not return to the Cova, as the 13th of June approaches, Lucia finds herself drawn back, “like a moth to a flame.”

“I had to return. She was so beautiful, so good. I had to see her face again and feel the love in her smile,” says Lucia.

During the second apparition, the children are again told to pray the Rosary daily for peace. Additionally, Lucia is told that she must learn to read and write so that she can make the lady’s message known to the world.

With each new apparition, more and more visitors are drawn to the Cova, which also attracts the attention of the government of Vila Nova de Ourem, specifically the attention of the administrator Arturo de Oliveira Santos (played by Tarek Merlin).

The vision of July 13th is unlike the previous apparitions. During this apparition the children are shown a vision of Hell, told about the future role of Russia, and are given a vision of an assassination of the Pope.

“The things we had seen changed us,” said Lucia. “Jacinta preferred solitude; Francisco became more withdrawn. We hid from the world.”

In August, the children are kidnapped by the major and brought to Ourem, thus preventing their attendance at the August 13th apparition. Unable to get them to recant, he threatens each of the children with death by being boiled in oil.

While waiting in their prison cell, the piety of the children impresses the other prisoners, who end up praying with the seers.

In one of the film’s most moving scenes, all three children bravely decide to face death rather than reveal Our Lady’s secrets. The children are eventually freed.

By October 13th, the date of the promised miracle, between 60,000-70,000 people arrive at the Cova. There, Our Lady reiterates to Lucia that people must turn to God. Lucia is also told that Francisco and Jacinta will be going to Heaven soon.

“I am told that there is a language in which Fatima means peace. It is my hope that Fatima will remain a light in the dark. A light that will lead us to peace.”

—Sister Lucia

Lucia is worried that she will be left alone, but Our Lady tells her that she will always be with her.

Those gathered at the Cova witness the incredible Miracle of the Sun as it spins and then dives in the sky, drying up the ground which had been soaked by rain.

After the First World War, Francisco succumbs to the Spanish influenza and dies on April 4, 1919. Jacinta follows on February 20, 1920. Lucia goes to Porto to enter the School Sisters of St. Dorothy.

“I am told that there is a language in which Fatima means peace,” says Lucia at the film’s end. “It is my hope that Fatima will remain a light in the dark. A light that will lead us to peace.”

Sister Lucia died on February 13, 2005. The Shrine at Our Lady of Fatima continues to receive more than 4 million pilgrims annually. ✨

WHAT HAPPENED AT FATIMA?

MAY 13, 1917

On the morning of the feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, the three visionaries, Lucia (10), Francisco (9), and Jacinta (7) led their flock of sheep from Aljustrel, Portugal, proceeding north to the slopes of the Cova da Iria.

The children had been praying a shortened version of the Rosary, saying only the beginning part of each prayer. They were surprised by what they thought to be lighting and a strange light in the sky.

Near a holm oak, they saw a woman dressed in white, shining brighter than the sun, with rays of light coming from her.

During the visit, the woman asked the children if they were willing to offer themselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners. The children agreed to do so.

JUNE 13, 1917

On her second visit, the Heavenly lady said that her son, Jesus, wanted to establish in the world devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

JULY 13, 1917

During this visit, the three children were entrusted with three secrets. The first was a vision of Hell. The very truths that a generation has trouble believing are the truths that Our Lady allowed those willing to listen to see.

The second was a prediction about the end of the war and a warning about another World War, and the role of Russia. The third secret was a vision of an

TO THE casual observer or the individual who has never before heard of the Church-approved apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, the events may at first seem shocking, even unbelievable. Yet, the culmination of the apparitions—with the Miracle of the Sun—was witnessed by more than 70,000 and testified to by even secular journalists. Not only that, but events predicted at Fatima did come to pass in the years after the visions.

While not shown in the film, Lucia dos Santos and Jacinta and Francisco Marto's first Heavenly visitor wasn't a Heavenly lady, but a snowy, brilliant, translucent figure who identified himself as the Angel of Peace and the Guardian Angel of Portugal. According to Catholic Church teaching, in the hierarchy of angels, certain angels have been given the task of guarding particular cities, principalities and nations.

The angel's appearance wasn't revealed by Lucia until 1937.

The angel's first visit occurred in the spring of 1916. On that visit, the angel taught the three shepherd children to pray.

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you," taught the angel. "I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love you."

During the angel's second visit, in the summer, he encouraged the children to pray and offer sacrifices for reparation for sin. On his third and final visit, in the fall, he brought the children Holy Communion.

Thus catechized in prayer, reparative suffering, and having received Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, the children were spiritually prepared for the visitations that would begin the following spring.



Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta in 1917

assassination attempt on the life of the Pope, which wasn't revealed publicly until the Jubilee Year 2000.

Our Lady also established the First Saturday devotion, encouraging the faithful to receive Holy Communion every 1st Saturday of the month for five consecutive months for reparation.

AUGUST 13, 1917

In the government's attempt to silence the children and the messages of Fatima, the children were abducted, thrown into a prison cell, and interrogated under the threat of death by the administrator Senhor Santos.

The children were not swayed by the threats, but told the truth about the apparitions and were eventually released.

As a result of the abduction, the children were not at the Cova for the August apparition. Those gathered at the Cova reported hearing thunder and seeing a flash of lightning in the clear sky. A light cloud appeared to hover above the holm oak tree.

The lady appeared to the children six days later in Valinhos saying that many souls go to hell because they have no one to sacrifice or pray for them.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1917

During this visit, the Heavenly lady encouraged the children to pray the Rosary for the end of the war. Reportedly 30,000 people attended this apparition.

OCTOBER 13, 1917

By October, the events at the Cova had been reported far and wide. As a result, some 70,000 people filled the countryside to observe the predicted miracle.

During this visit, the lady identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary and asked the children to continue to pray the Rosary daily.

Lucia stated that during Mary's final vis-



A 1917 newspaper account of the Miracle of the Sun

it, they were given three visions of Mary. In the first, she appeared with the Holy Family. Mary appeared to the right of the sun. To the sun's left, St. Joseph appeared holding the Christ-child in his arms, both tracing the Sign of the Cross with their hands.

Lucia stated that Mary also appeared as Our Lady of Sorrows and as Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Many of those gathered saw the sun spinning in the sky, and then saw it break loose and zig-zag toward the earth, looking as if it would fall upon the people. Those gathered fell to the ground praying for mercy. Even secular and government newspaper reports tell of the Miracle of the Sun.

AFTER THE APPARITIONS

Following the apparitions, the seers' lives were never the same. Pilgrims desired to see the children, to ask them questions or for prayers, and to have them bless objects. Both Francisco and Jacinta contracted the Spanish flu and died within a year of one another. Lucia entered the school of the Sisters of St. Dorothy in Vilar, near Oporto, in the north of Portugal. On October 24, 1925, she entered as a postulant.

She made her first vows on October 3, 1928, and her perpetual vows on October 3, 1934, receiving the name Sister Mary of the Sorrowful Mother.

In 1946, seeking a more contemplative life, she entered the Carmelite convent of St. Teresa in Coimbra, making her profession on May 31, 1949 and taking the name Sister Maria Lucia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart.

In the years that followed, the predictions made by Our Lady did come to pass. World War I ended, but was followed by the more horrific Second World War. Russian Communism did spread its errors throughout the world, but eventually the country was Consecrated to Mary's Immaculate Heart and the Berlin Wall and Communist Russia collapsed without fighting. And the assassination attempt on the life of Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981 failed.

Believing that it was Our Lady's hand that guided the bullet's path, Pope John Paul II gave to the then-Bishop of Fatima the bullet which had remained in the vehicle after the assassination attempt. By the Bishop's decision, the bullet was later set in the crown of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

After a long illness, Sister Lucia died on February 13, 2005 at the age of 97.

The Third Secret of Fatima—that of the assassination attempt—was finally revealed to the universal Church in 2000, the same year that Francisco and Jacinta Marto were beatified.

The messages of Fatima—prayer, repentance, self-sacrifice, reparation, and peace, are messages that the war-ravaged world needs today, perhaps now more than ever. ✨

FATIMA AT A GLANCE

March 22, 1907 – Lucia de Jesus dos Santos was born in Aljustrel, Portugal.

1916 – The Guardian Angel of Portugal appears to Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia.

May 13, 1917 – Our Lady first appears to the children at the Cova da Iria.

August 13, 1917 – The Fatima children are kidnapped by Administrator Arturo Santos.

October 13, 1917 – The Miracle of the Sun is witnessed by approximately 70,000 pilgrims.

April 4, 1919 – Francisco Marto dies of the Spanish flu.

February 20, 1920 – Jacinta Marto dies.

October 24, 1925 – Lucia enters the Sisters of St. Dorothy in Vilar, Portugal.

October 3, 1934 – Lucia makes her perpetual vows.

1946 – Seeking a more contemplative life, Lucia enters the Carmelite convent of St. Teresa in Coimbra, Portugal.

May 31, 1949 – Lucia makes her profession and takes the name Sister Maria Lucia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart.

1952 – The official opening of the canonical informative process. This began, at the diocesan level, the Cause for the Canonization of Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

1979 – The diocesan process concludes and documents related to Francisco and Jacinta Marto are presented to the Congregation of Saints.

May 13, 1981 – Assassination attempt on Pope John Paul II.

March 25, 1984 – Pope John Paul II entrusts the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

May 13, 1989 – Pope John Paul II approves the decree on the Heroic Virtues of the Servants of God Francisco and Jacinta Marto.

May 13, 2000 – Francisco and Jacinta Marto are declared Blessed by Pope John Paul II. The Vatican reveals the contents of the Third Secret of Fatima.

February 13, 2005 – Sister Lucia dies, at the age of 97, at the Convent of the Carmelites, Coimbra, Portugal.



A MESSAGE FROM THE WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

MICHAEL LACORTE
Executive Director

I HOPE YOU find *The 13th Day* to be as riveting and compelling as I did. This unique and powerful approach to presenting the message of Fatima captures the elements of human sacrifice combined with Divine intervention that our world so desperately needs today.

The Fatima message is a message of Hope for all people and for all time that was delivered to three shepherd children. God wants all people to know that hell exists and that war is a consequence of spiritual decay, and He also wants us to save souls and live on earth in peace.

The Blessed Mother taught us how to avoid the fire and pain of hell not only for ourselves, but also for our loved ones and others and how to avoid war; war so devastating that nations will be annihilated if we don't follow Heaven's Peace Plan.

On October 13, 1917 God performed the greatest miracle since Jesus walked the face of the earth, the only miracle ever predicted as to time and place, a miracle witnessed by over 70,000 people. The miracle was so profound because God wants us to know the message is profound.

Pope John Paul II said, "The Message of Fatima is More Important Now Than Ever." The Holy Father took steps to elevate the position of the World Apostolate of Fatima (Our Lady's Blue Army) to the highest level available within the Church. He did this to increase our responsibility and our opportunity to help people Learn, Live, and Spread the Message of Fatima. We are the only Fatima organization that speaks with ecclesiastical authority on the message of Fatima.

Our world is at a crossroad, we can choose a path of spiritual decay that leads to

lost souls and wars that will annihilate nations or we can spiritually nourish a world in great need, which will save souls and bring peace to earth. We are all frail and we all fail; however, we can fix the damage our failures cause by acts of reparation and by sinning less. Prayer, penance, sacrifice, acts of devotion loving God, and loving each other provide spiritual nourishment that repairs spiritual damage and leads to the salvation of Souls and World Peace.

Full members of the Apostolate are asked to pray the Rosary daily while mediating on the mysteries, wear the Scapular of Mount Carmel as an act of consecration, offer to God the sacrifices demanded by what we are required to do each day given our station in life, and accomplish the devotion of First Saturday Devotion. Associate members are asked to start with prayer for the salvation of souls and world peace and to learn more about the message of Fatima.

Let us help you learn more about Heaven's plan for the Salvation of Souls and Peace on Earth. For the asking, we will provide you with free information on how to pray the Rosary that includes the mysteries and a free one year subscription to the widely acclaimed **SOUL** magazine which is published quarterly to help people Learn, Live, and Spread the important message of Fatima. After you see this inspirational movie we hope it become more important to you. ✨

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HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY

HOW TO PRAY:

- ① Make the Sign of the Cross and say the "Apostles' Creed."
- ② Say the "Our Father".
- ③ Say three "Hail Marys" for the intentions of the Pope.
- ④ Say the "Glory Be" and the "Fatima Prayer".
- ⑤ Announce the First Mystery; then say the "Our Father."
- ⑥ Say ten "Hail Marys," while meditating on the Mystery.
- ⑦ Say the "Glory Be" and the "Fatima Prayer".
- ⑧ Announce the Second Mystery; then say the "Our Father." Repeat ⑥ and ⑦ and continue with Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
- ⑨ At the conclusion of the Fifth decade, say the "Regina Caeli".

ROSARY PRAYERS:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

THE OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

THE HAIL MARY

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.

THE GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

THE FATIMA PRAYER

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.

THE REGINA CAELI

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

On Monday & Saturday say the Joyful Mysteries. Tuesday & Friday say the Sorrowful Mysteries. Wednesday & Sunday say the Glorious Mysteries. On Thursday say the Luminous Mysteries.



THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Birth of Our Lord
4. The Presentation of Our Lord
5. Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion and Death of Our Lord

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Coming of the Holy Ghost
4. The Assumption of our Blessed Mother
5. The Coronation of our Blessed Mother

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1. The Baptism in the Jordan
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom
4. The Transfiguration
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

FATIMA: MESSAGE OF HOPE, PROMISE OF PEACE

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MAY 13, 2017 will mark the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's first apparition at Fatima. That is less than 8 years away (at the time this article is being published). It is no doubt a sign of its divine origin that a message given to three simple shepherd children who could neither read nor write should continue to be so many years later such a powerful focus of hope and peace for the whole world. With the passage of years and in the light of events that have happened and are still happening in the world, the remarkable depth, accuracy and importance of this message has become clearer for all to see.

The life of our late Holy Father, the great Pope John Paul II, became intertwined with the very message of Fatima. The assassination attempt on his life on May 13, 1981, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, dramatically introduced him to its importance. His own would-be assassin, Ali Aga, told the Holy Father when he later visited him in his prison cell, "I am a professional assassin; I never miss! Whoever's feast it was that day in your Church saved your life." The Pope many times echoed this remark when he would say, "One hand guided the gun, but another hand guided the bullet!" Furthermore, while the Pope was recovering from his wounds in the Gemelli Hospital in Rome, he ordered all the documentation on the Fatima message to be brought to him. After studying it carefully, he remarked, "The message of Fatima is more important now than it was in 1917!"

A MESSAGE OF HOPE

In what way is the message of Fatima still so important today? It is because in a seemingly hopeless world situation, Our Lady's message still holds out hope for all mankind. In one of her apparitions, Our Lady told the three visionaries, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, that she was "the only one who can help you!" Her statement tells us two things. First, in the face of the enormous problems of the 20th and now the 21st centuries, there still is help available. This means we must not give up in despair, no matter how great the tasks and challenges are before us. What were, and still are, these challenges? Our Lady herself spoke of them. She began by giving the children the consoling message that the terrible conflict of World War I would soon come to an end and the soldiers would return home from the war-front. In that war an estimated 20 million people died. But the Blessed Mother also warned that if people did not put her requests into practice, another more terrible war would occur. World War II was to take the lives of 50 million people. Finally, Our Lady foretold that the "evil" of Communism would begin in Russia, and that it would spread its errors throughout the world. This "evil" would provoke wars, cause famines, carry out persecutions of the Church and especially of the Holy Father. Many nations would be "annihilated." As we can see clearly, Pope John Paul II

was not exaggerating when he remarked that at Fatima, Our Lady summed up the whole 20th century!

Pope John Paul II further confirmed this when he called the 20th century "the most violent century in human history": two world wars, atomic bombs, concentration camps, ethnic and religious wars! Then there is the whole "Culture of Death" which Communism spread in the attempt to destroy the Christian familial, moral and cultural foundation of Western society. These errors have included contraception, abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, euthanasia, assisted suicide, divorce, pornography, child abuse and the like. To counter these evils, then, human efforts and resources alone prove totally inadequate. To expect diplomacy, or human alliances or armed resistance alone to solve world problems is a grave mistake. Yes, we must continue our efforts at dialogue and works of peace, but if these exclude recourse to God for His help and His blessing, they will prove futile. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother reminds us of this very clearly.

A PROMISE OF PEACE

This leads us to the second important point in Our Lady's statement: "I am the only one who can help you!" She says this because the Most Holy Trinity has placed in her hands and in her Immaculate Heart the way to peace in the world.

Our Lady stressed in her apparitions that people must stop offending God by their sins because He has already been so grievously offended! There must be, then, genuine conversion of our lives to God. This begins with the sincere practice of the virtue of justice. Recent popes have stressed the fact that there can be no true lasting peace without justice. By justice, we give to each person what is their due. Justice to God, then, in the words of the "Pardon Prayer" the Angel taught the little shepherds, means we "believe... adore ... hope ... and love"

Him. We "believe" by acknowledging God in our daily lives; we "adore" by praising Him in worship and prayer; we "hope" by trusting in His promises and in His providential care of our lives; and we "love" by doing His Will in the keeping of His commandments. This is very important. God, through the Virgin Mary, is telling us that the first step toward world peace is to be at peace with Him. We find this peace especially in the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Penance, both of which Our Lady encouraged us to receive regularly through the First Five Saturdays devotion.

Then, we must show justice to our neighbor by respecting the God-given dignity of each person. This respect must make a real difference in the way we live our daily lives. Whether it be between spouses or parents and children, or with Church leaders, our next-door neighbor or even the spiritually and materially poor, all of us must genuinely love, serve (assist) and pray for one another in the course of our daily lives. We must always remember that though direct opposites, love and hate pass from one person to another. If we share love, there will be greater unity, harmony and ultimately peace. But if we foster hatred, then as someone said, "If World War III begins tomorrow, it may be because I hated my neighbor today!"

Then there is even justice to oneself. This consists of recognizing the life I have in Christ through Baptism, and my call to be His true disciple and witness. As Pope St. Leo the Great put it many centuries ago, "Christian, know your dignity!" Once we know it, we must live it! This means seriously living a life of virtue—love, humility, mercy, chastity, patience, poverty in spirit, trust and cheerful service.

When we have done these things, we will be ready to see the fulfillment of Our Lady's promise of peace. We call her message at Fatima, "Heaven's Peace Plan." In the outline of this plan, the Blessed Mother

POPE JOHN PAUL II'S PRAYER TO THE IMMACULATE HEART

Immaculate Heart! Help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths towards the future!

From famine and war, *deliver us.*

From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, *deliver us.*

From sins against the life of man from its very beginning, *deliver us.*

From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, *deliver us.*

From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, *deliver us.*

From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, *deliver us.*

From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, *deliver us.*

From the loss of awareness of good and evil, *deliver us.*

From sins against the Holy Spirit, *deliver us, deliver us.*

Accept, O Mother of Christ, this cry *laden with the sufferings* of all individual human beings, *laden with the sufferings* of whole societies.

Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit to conquer all sin: individual sin and the 'sin of the world', sin in all its manifestations.

Let there be revealed, once more, in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the Redemption: the power of *merciful Love!* May it put a stop to evil! May it transform consciences! May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the *light of Hope!*

This prayer was delivered on March 25, 1984, when Pope John Paul II consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart.

asked for four things: (1) prayer, especially the daily Rosary, (2) sacrifices for sinners, (3) the daily faithful fulfillment of our duties in life according to our vocation and specific situations, and (4) the patient bearing of the trials and sufferings that come our way each day! Our Lady has told us that Jesus wants these things, and in fact He needs them for the conversion of sinners. As she reminded the children, "Many souls are lost from God because there is no one to pray and sacrifice for them." When a great number of sinners have been converted, then peace will come!

Many situations around the world today pose grave dangers to peace! Unstable countries are trying to secure nuclear weapons. The resurgence of extremist elements in Islam threatens world stability. The European Union's exclusion of God from its vision of life spells disaster. The

widespread fostering of the Culture of Death must be resisted. The list goes on and on! But in spite of all these evils, there is hope in Our Lady's great promise: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph! Russia will be converted, and an era of peace will be given to the world."

Pope John Paul II reminded us: "The Church has accepted the message of Fatima by recognition of its conformity with the teaching of the Gospel. From her sanctuary at Fatima, Mary renews again today her pressing request. Let all the Church listen to it. Let all mankind listen to it. Mary only desires the salvation of all her children according to God's providential plans." ✨

Fr Andrew Apostoli, CFR, is an expert on Fatima. His special **one-hour presentation** on Fatima is available by accessing the "**Special Features**" button on *The 13th Day* DVD menu.

FATIMA DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If this is the first time you've seen or heard about the apparitions at Fatima, what is your initial reaction?

Describe the variety of reactions that the children receive in response to their story about the apparitions? Which character in the story reacts in a way that most resembles your own reaction?

What messages are repeated during the six-months that the apparitions took place?

What do you see as the primary purpose of the apparitions?

Which of Our Lady's predictions/warnings came true?

How might you, in your own life, work towards peace?

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For Adults

Fatima for Today (Spring 2010)
The Urgent Marian Message of Hope
By Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR

"Calls" from the Message of Fatima
by Sister Lucia

Fatima in Lucia's Own Words
by Sister Lucia

The Last Secret of Fatima
by Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone

BOOKS

For Children

Our Lady Came to Fatima
by Ruth Fox Hume

Coloring Book: Mother of God
by Katherine Sotnik

DVD

Fatima (Narrated by Ricardo Montalban)

Fatima: Altar of the World
Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima

Fatima: The Day
the Sun Danced (animated)



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