



FORMATION PROGRAM #11

The Last Vision

LUCIA SPEAKS:

[Lucia speaks of the events that precede the vision. Then she relates what she saw]:

Suddenly the whole chapel was illumined by a supernatural Light, and above the altar appeared a Cross of Light, reaching to the ceiling. In a brighter light on the upper part of the Cross, could be seen the Face of a Man and His Body as far as the waist; upon His Breast was a Dove of Light; nailed to the Cross was the Body of another Man.

A little below the waist, I could see a Chalice and a large Host suspended in the air, on to which drops of Blood were falling from the Face of Jesus Crucified and from the Wound in His Side. These drops ran down on to the Host and fell into the Chalice.

Beneath the right arm of the Cross was Our Lady and in Her hand was Her Immaculate Heart. (It was Our Lady of Fatima, with Her Immaculate Heart in her left hand, without sword or roses, but with a crown of thorns and flames.)

Under the left arm of the Cross, large letters, as if of crystal clear water which ran down upon the altar, formed these words: "Grace and Mercy."

[Our Lady]: "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..."

REFLECTION & RESOLUTION: Ponder each of these mysteries in silent prayer and reflection. See how very personal God's love is for you. See His pattern that He has set before you, for you to follow. There is no reason any longer to hold back in fear. You need only to surrender yourself like Mary and say, "Yes" to God's Will for you. He is with you every step of the way. Our Lady's Immaculate Heart is your refuge and the way that will lead you to God. Do everything with Her, in Her, and for Her. You need only practice self-denial through humility and obedience. Everything else you will learn on the way.

[Brief period of silent reflection]

Discussion

Examination of last month's resolutions

Apostolic resolution

Resolution in brief: **Ponder the Mysteries in silent reflection and prayer. Be not afraid to surrender yourself completely in humility and obedience to God's Will for you, in the safe refuge of Mary's Immaculate Heart.**

Act of Consecration

Accompanying Commentary:

"As forward we travel from light into Light." In the light of faith, i.e. the sight of understanding, we can see the image of God in the Man, Jesus Christ. By pondering and understanding the great depth of God's love for us, as revealed in Jesus (and entering into it as a partner with Him), He shows us the way to travel forward from the light of an internal hidden love for God expressed in a silent outward deed of sacrificial love for God and humanity, into the divine and brighter Light of heaven, where the Father dwells. The Holy Spirit is the Light of Love from the Father's Heart. This is the Two in One Love of the Father and the Son. It is the Holy Spirit that binds Them as One.

The Host and Chalice, with His drops of Blood, reveal the same Mystery: Jesus Christ's Humanity and Divinity reveals the sacrificial love of the Father in human terms we can understand. Here, in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Sacramental species of bread and wine are changed into Christ's living Body and Blood, in which He gives Himself up for us under a new form, as He did on the Cross. Think of what humility and obedience He practices (despite offenses received) in cooperating with the order of things He has set up, and binds Himself under, in order to communicate His love to us on an individual personal level.

God reveals the same mystery again in the person of His Mother. Just as bread puts up no resistance to God's possessing it, changing it entirely into Himself, without the bread losing its appearance or characteristics of that which makes it bread, so Our Lady, of Her own free will, puts up no resistance to God's possessing Her and changing Her entirely into Himself, without Her ceasing to be the individual that She is. As St. Paul says, "It is now no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." How much more can this be said of Mary, who never knew sin! When we see Mary, we see God's love expressed in a female form. She is below the right arm of the cross (where His sheep are gathered--Matt. 25:32-33) because She is the example of what we must do and become in order to participate in the self- same transformation.

Under the left arm (where the goats are gathered), we see that grace and mercy are available to sinners, as well as to us when we sin; to obtain remission and pardon, and to assist them to conversion.

The time has arrived in salvation history in which God wishes to reveal these Mysteries. The spirituality in Russia, with its eastern mysticism, enfolds, embodies, and deeply expounds these Mysteries, as only mystic sight can do. Once Russia is 'converted' and turns back to its Faith, the contribution it will bring to the Church will be so profound and rich, it will unite east and west. It will bring about the unity of Christians and set precedence for the proclamation of the final Marian dogma. This will usher in the Triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart and the promised era of peace.