



FORMATION PROGRAM #6

Third Apparition of Our Lady

LUCIA SPEAKS:

"What do you want of me?"

"I want you to come here on the 13th of next month, to continue to pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary, in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war, because only She can help you."

"I would like to ask You to tell us who You are, and to work a miracle so that everybody will believe that You are appearing to us."

"Continue to come here every month. In October, I will tell you who I am and what I want, and I will perform a miracle for all to see and believe."

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

[The children are then shown a vision of hell - a state of being in bitter pain and misery, where there is no hope of escape. How many live like this on earth, where, for them, there is no God?! All the joys and comforts of this world cannot free anyone from a sense of hopelessness, loneliness, and misery. Until we find God, there is no hope of relief from inner suffering. By choosing to suffer for love of God and the good of souls, we face our inner battle head on. We can find God's love when emptied of self-love.]

"You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go."

"To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

"If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

"The war is going to end; but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the pontificate of Pius XI."

"When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God that He is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father."

"To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart,..."

Accompanying Commentary:

Ready your heart. Open it in humble surrender. God's Will for you is about to be revealed.

Our Lady asks you for perseverance in your daily duty, whatever it is that is expected of you, and for perseverance in praying the daily Rosary out of love for Her. Look beyond your personal reasons to pray it. Make the Rosary a priority and pray it for the spiritual good of all-- for peace both interior and exterior, and for an end to evil in the world. None of these things can be obtained without Our Lady's help. Our personal efforts alone are not enough.

When we try to discern God's Will for us, we should be aware that the devil can appear as an angel of light. Devils cannot do true miracles. A miracle would also confirm to Lucia the truth of what is spoken from the Source. One is not rash in asking for a sign IF the manner in which something is communicated, or what is being asked, is extraordinary. Otherwise, seeking miraculous signs does not please God.

In order to receive this miracle, perseverance is necessary. Trust, too, must be exercised. Truth is revealed, not so much by words (which can easily be doubted, or false) but by the unfolding of events. We too must have faith that God keeps His promises to us, as we go forward, for the most part, blindly.

God alone knows who sinners are, i.e. those who love sin. All we can do is judge actions and appearances, but we are commanded not to judge persons. God alone knows the intentions of the heart. Yet even these souls we can reach by works of self-denial. God takes our intention, offered for love of Jesus and Mary, and directed towards these souls. He applies the act of love as a healing balm to warm cold hearts. See how Our Lady's part in the plan of salvation is linked right there with Jesus and ours?

Those who love sin, run away from God and their inner struggle. They are in denial. At the moment of death, this condition is locked in place permanently as their choice, unless they make a last minute conversion obtained through a special grace.

Mary is the link between our spiritual and temporal condition. She unites God and man. God wishes to make this known to save these souls.

Through obedience to Her wishes, peace will come to body and soul--in this life and in the next.

Our Lady promises the end of the war as a down payment of the children's sacrifices, united as they are, to the sufferings of Jesus and Mary. But She warns of a greater suffering if more people don't respond.

A sign will be given that the world is still in the darkness of sin when a mysterious light appears. God always warns before He punishes. In the night of sin, a soul can still recognize the sign sent by God to warn it of impending punishments; but if the soul is not disposed to receive the warning from God's goodness, the sign will be denied, rejected, or ignored. This can happen on an individual, national, or worldwide scale. Yet souls can still be saved in the final hour. *Either we choose the cross or the cross chooses us.*

Russia will spread her errors throughout the world, but Our Lady comes with an answer that is global in its outreach. She sees the WHOLE picture. She sees the strengths and weaknesses of EVERY person, of EVERY nation, of EVERY religion. Though pained, She looks past the sins of Her children. She sees everything that is Christ. Russia's principal religious expression is Greek Orthodox. Their love for, and understanding of, the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary is

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profound, and begs the invitation of their spiritual insights. With the Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart, Mary's role can soon be clearly and publicly acknowledged and explained. She is the Destroyer of heresies and the One who will put a FINAL end to the widespread life-style of atheism, through the joining of the spirituality of east and west. All truth found outside the Church belongs to the Church - for the Church belongs to Christ; the Church IS Christ.

"...and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays."

This requirement and request for personal reparation is necessary to prevent the annihilation of nations and to usher in the era of peace. By doing the necessary reparation to Mary's Immaculate Heart, this will not only appease God's justice for the sins of the world, but this particular devotion, properly fulfilled, will actually PREVENT further calamities. It brings with it an awareness of our responsibilities to God and man.

A lifestyle of atheism is not exclusive to communism. Atheism can be practiced even by Catholics—any so-called Christian—who professes a belief in God, even amidst religious practices, but whose heart and will are far removed from wanting to do what God wants of them. This devotion obtains the special grace of the light of understanding for these souls. Jesus told Sr. Lucia that He wants this devotion placed alongside devotion to His Divine Heart.⁴

If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace;

Is this not the path Pope JohnPaul II had directed us to follow? Look at the strengths of those around you. Unite in partnership for the common good. The unity of Christians eventually will come as differences are discussed and complete understanding is finally achieved in those who have faith and who live by prayer and sacrifice. Communions of reparation on First Saturdays will obtain the necessary grace to bring this about.

...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, ...

The war of atheism is essentially a war against God, therefore it is directed primarily against the Church, as well as people in general.

...various nations will be annihilated.

This is the only DIRE prediction which has not yet been fulfilled. This last one serves as a warning to everybody - NOW! ⁵

In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.

Good will always win in the end, but at what cost if we are slow or deficient in response? The promise of true peace WILL take place...but we choose whether it will be with or without the final threat of a calamity of world-wide proportion.

In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved;

Sr. Lucia later revealed that Portugal was preserved from war and being over-run by communism because the Bishops of that country consecrated it to the Immaculate Heart of Mary... to be a sign for the rest of the world.

When you pray the Rosary, say after each mystery: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.

With the Rosary prayed together with Mary, She instructs us to ask Jesus to apply these graces of salvation to ourselves and to everyone, esp. sinners.

REFLECTION & RESOLUTION: Awesome message! This third apparition takes in the whole picture, doesn't it? What responsibility is squarely laid on the shoulders of each of us! What responsibility is squarely laid on the shoulders of us as a Church! How important it is that we each do our part, even if we were the only one in the world to obey! How important it is that we do all we can to join with as many as who will, to act as a whole? Truly we have set before us life or death, blessing or curse. We can go forward in faith, full of joy, knowing the victory is already ours as promised, heedless of the sufferings that come with picking up our cross - for we have nothing to fear of death or punishment if we choose to obey. There are many signs of hope. If we look, we can see Christ all around us. We do not deny there is evil, but we push forward to what is good, for even amongst evil there is good to be found. Steal truth and goodness away from the devil that he mixes with lies, and join all that is good together in Christ!

[Brief period of silent reflection]

Discussion

Examination of last month's resolutions

Apostolic resolution

Resolution in brief: **In complete trust and surrender to the power of God working through Our Lady in the world, continue to make every effort to do all you can to ponder, study, and fulfill Our Lady's requests as revealed in this apparition.**

Act of Consecration

⁴ Her Own Words by Fr. Joaquin Alonso, CMF, pg. 17

⁵ See the film *State of Emergency*, a fictionalized account of the true scientific discovery about the unknown light known as "the great sign"; available from the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA