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THE APPARITIONS
OF OUR
LADY IN
FÁTIMA**

BEHOLD THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD



It was May 13, 1917, when the Celestial Messenger, transformed and enveloped in the light of God, descended from Heaven to bring us the Message that was entrusted to her by God. She presented it to the poor and innocent

children because Jesus said: theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. It began by reassuring the children of the fear of an alleged thunder storm that they assumed imminent and from which they fled, believing that the reflections of its light were lightning; and so she surprised them saying, "Do not be afraid. I will do you no harm". As if she had said: I am not this supposedly thunderstorm in which you were afraid and wanted to flee. Or she wanted to reassure us in a manner similar to that with which the Angel greeted her when he announced the Incarnation of the Son of God: 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God' (Lk 1-30).

Following a custom of the land, which was, when there was an unknown person who would speak to us, we would ask where they were from and what they wanted. I asked: "Where are you from". To which the Lady replied: "I am from Heaven".

I felt a joy so intimate, that filled me with confidence and love, it seemed to me that nothing could separate me from this Lady and I wanted to hold on to her to be carried with her on her wings of her flight! But these were not the designs of Our Lord.

And I continued the dialog with the Lady: "What do you want of me?" to which the Lady replied:

"I have come to ask you to come here for



six months in succession, on the 13th day, at this same hour. Later on, I will tell you who I am and what I want. Afterwards, I will return here yet a seventh time.” The phrase, I came to ask you, has been the subject of many of my meditations. She, the Lady, the Patroness, the Queen of Heaven and earth, the one that said, about two thousand years ago: “Behold the handmaid of the Lord”, descends down to humbly ask as if it were a favor. Indeed, she came by the order of God, to fulfill another mission, of which He wanted to entrust her, to bring us a Message of faith, hope and love. Encouraged by the confidence that the Lady inspired me, I asked: “Shall I go to Heaven too?” To which she replied: “Yes, you will”.

It is indescribable, the intimate joy that I felt, but I did not consider myself exempt from the obligation we all have to be faithful to God, by loving Him, serving Him, faithfully fulfilling His precept and His laws. And the Lady continued her dialogue with the children: “Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners?”

In this question from Our Lady, I see how God respects the gift of freedom that He has given us and does not force

us to accept a special Mission which He wishes to entrust to us.

The shepherds, without worrying about the sufferings that God would send them, surrender themselves totally to the will of God and, as Mary responded to the Angel when he announced to her the Incarnation of the Son of God: ‘Behold the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word’ (Lk 1-38), so the shepherds also gave their answer saying: “Yes, we are willing”.

The Lady welcomed this response as the first-fruits of her Message, and with a gesture of maternal protection enveloping us in the immense light of God, she replied: “Then you are going to have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort.” This grace introduced us into the immense sea of God’s light and then led us to worship Him in the mystery of the Holy Trinity and to love Him present in the Divine Eucharist, saying inwardly in the silence of our hearts: O Most Holy Trinity, I adore You! My God, my God, I love you present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist!

This Message was for me the revelation of the mystery of God present in me, and I present in God, where I must worship Him, love Him and serve Him with faith, hope and love.

Sister Lúcia (How I see the Message)



FÁTIMA: ABOUT THE EVENT AND ABOUT ITS RECOGNITION

It was in the year of 1917, when word was circulating in Portugal that the Virgin Mary had appeared to three children of Aljustrel, Francisco and Jacinta Marto and Lúcia of Jesus. Regardless of the reasons that justified it, many were those who as early as 1917 went to the Cova da Iria, site of the alleged Marian events, at that time on an agricultural land in the Mountain range belonging to Antonio dos Santos and Maria Rosa, parents of Lúcia. From the descriptions made by the seers, the Virgin Mary appeared in the Cova da Iria on the 13 day of each month of May until October, with the exception of August 13th. On that day the children were taken to Ourém by Antonio de Oliveira Santos, Municipal Administrator, to be questioned. Taking into account the information available, the apparition of the Virgin Mary took place on August 19th, in a place called Valinhos, near Aljustrel. The intervention of local civil authorities can be explained, at least in part, by the political context of that time, very much marked by a creased anticlericalism

and strained relations between Church and State, which has often resulted in hostility by civil authorities for the Phenomenon of Fátima. Due to this political climate, the Church also sought to manage with caution the events linked to Fátima, especially taking into account the exposure in the media as well as the mobilization provoked.

Soon in 1917, one of the themes that captured attention was the so-called Secret of Fátima, whose content the seers refused to reveal, despite the pressures that they suffered by civil authorities, by members of the Church and by private individuals. In 1941, Lúcia of Jesus, already a religious Dorothean, revealed the first two parts which were publicly revealed the following year; the vision of Hell and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In regards to the third part of the Secret, whose content fits in the theme of the Church Martyr, its revelation only would come true on May 13, 2000, in the Cova da Iria, during the beatification of the seers Francisco and Jacinta.

Another of the aspects that has raised interest in 1917 was the solar phenomenon of October 13, 1917, which became known as the Miracle of the Sun and which was witnessed by many of those who were present that day in the Cova da Iria. For believers, this phenomenon was interpreted as divine intervention and as the realization of the words of the Virgin Mary concerning the making of a miracle. Taking into



account the evidences of three children, it was still in this apparition that the Virgin Maria presented herself as the Lady of the Rosary. This identification was reinforcing the importance of the practice of the daily prayer of the Rosary which was already emphasized in previous apparitions.

In the context of the First World War, in which thousands of Portuguese soldiers participated, the Marian events of Fátima, especially for the promise of peace that was announced, was seen by many as a sign of hope in resolving this bloody warlike conflict.

Shortly after 1917, two of the main protagonists, Francisco and Jacinta of Fátima died, respectively on April 4, 1919 and February 20, 1920. Lúcia of Jesus, more commonly known as Sister Lúcia was a religious Dorothean and a religious Carmelite in the Convent of Saint Teresa in Coimbra, died on February 13, 2005.

From her, came the first main sources for the study of the history and Message of Fátima, as are the Memories and the manuscript of the third part of the Secret.

In 1922, probably due to the impact and the mobilization around the phenomenon of Fátima, the prelate of the diocese of Leiria had appointed a Commission to study the apparitions of Fátima, thus beginning the canonical process that was complete in the Diocese in 1930. In fact, it was in this last

year, on October 13th, which Bishop José Alves Correia da Silva, through his pastoral letter "Divine Providence", declared the apparitions of Fátima worthy of credit and officiated in the cult of Our Lady of Fátima.

Although it was only in 1930 that the Church declared the apparition of Fátima to be credible, the years between 1917 and 1930 the landscape of the Cova da Iria had changed significantly. Soon in 1919, with the purpose of fulfilling request that was presented to the seers by the Virgin Mary, the Chapel of Apparitions was built, fruit of the initiative of lay people. The following year, Gilbert dos Santos, a layman from Torres Novas, offered an image for the small chapel that had been built. This was the first image of Our Lady of Fátima, sculptured by José Ferreira Thedim and it is still venerated today and is considered one of the icons more important than Catholicism. In 1928, the first stone was blessed of the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary in Fátima, already an initiative of the Diocesan Bishop of Leiria, José Alves Correia da Silva.

In short, the Church recognized in 1930 the veracity of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary in 1917, which allowed the legitimacy of worship which since 1917 had been made in the Cova da Iria to our Lady of Fátima.

Sónia Vazão

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GRACES +

I would like to thank the Virgin Mary for the grace I received through the intercession of Sister Lúcia, for the reconciliation of my twin sisters who quarreled and did not speak to each other for many years.

Maria Paula | Portugal

For several days I had a lot of pain in my neck and shoulders, and when I massaged with ointment I felt a few lumps. I went to the doctor and with treatment I was better but for only 2 days. Every day I prayed to Sister Lúcia asking her to help me and my family to be happy. I remembered this time to ask her to heal me of the bad pain in my neck, which was a nuisance and not to be serious. A few days later the weight and pain I felt began to disappear and now I am much better. I thank you Sister Lúcia for listening to me and hearing me every day.

Susana | Portugal

I am writing to thank you for two graces which I obtained through the intercession of the Servant of God, Sister Lúcia, who had the glory to see the Virgin Mary. The first grace I received was to cure one problem that I had in my breast, the other grace was for my adolescent grandson not to stray into the way of drugs and other similar things he was in danger of taking.

Ana Mariani Magalhães | Brasil

I have been communicating about a grace obtained from Sister Lúcia, Shepherdess of Fátima. I have a 19 year old son who was unemployed for a year, at which time he finished secondary school and then he entered the University, but had to give this up because we did not have money for this. So my son could not find jobs. He then decided to apply for the army to see if he could go to the University. As it is very difficult to enter into the military, due to evidence that they have to do, I had recourse to Sister Lúcia. I asked her with great strength and great faith, praying day and night, so that my son could enter and thanks to the help of Sister Lúcia he succeeded. I tell myself that Sister Lúcia is always looking out for him. I promised to publish this grace in the bulletin in thanksgiving and that Sister Lúcia is recognized as the great intercessor who is with God and Our Lady.

Augusta Monteiro | Portugal

My husband fell ill during the last 4 years with what we thought to be pneumonia. Each time was worse and he ended up being admitted in the hospital with Pulmonology. He ran a serious risk, because the doctors discovered that it was a pulmonary fibrosis. I did not lose hope and started to pray for his healing to God and Our Lady through the intercession of Sister Lúcia, shepherdess of Fátima. My husband has improved and was discharged from the hospital, continuing with the treatment in an outpatient clinic. However the medical consultations were held scheduled spaciouly and in this time was declared completely healed. I will continue to pray in thanksgiving

Maria Helena Matos | Portugal

When I was pregnant I made some novenas to dear Sister Lúcia, asking her for the grace that my baby would be healthy and perfect and that everything would go well at the time of delivery. I am very thankful to God and the intercession of Sister Lúcia because my baby is healthy and the deliver went very well. Despite being born a few days before the scheduled date, Francis is well and is a perfect boy. I am sending a donation to help in the process of the beatification of Sister Lúcia in gratitude for her help and protection at this moment of my life.

Marta Santos | Portugal

Three of my family members were very sick, one with cancer of the stomach, another with stenosis and the third with breast cancer. Immediately I had recourse to the Lord asking for the mediation of the Virgin Mary and with the help of Sister Lúcia to whom I am particularly devoted. I promised Our Lord that if everything went well, I would publish this grace in the cause of Sister Lúcia, and in all three cases the surgical interventions performed were satisfactory. I am writing to you in thanksgiving to God and to Sister Lúcia who interceded for my intentions. As part of my promise I also send a donation to contribute to this goal as wonderful as it is to see Sister Lúcia in the shortest of time be elevated to the honors of the altars.

Francisco José Cambló | Espanha

I handed over to Sister Lúcia my daughter Beatriz who was with health problems at the psychological level. Thank goodness now she is well, recovered and she already managed to obtain a job which I also thank and attribute this grace to the intercession of Sister Lúcia. I always brought into the presence my daughter to Sister Lúcia and I believe that she continues to help her and I know that in Heaven she does not forget us. I am eternally grateful to the Trinity for having given us Sister Lúcia, a daughter so good and faithful and who so loved Mary and Jesus here on earth, leaving us with her example!

Guilhermina Pais | Portugal

THE MIRACLE OF THE SUN INSPIRES THAT LAST TEMPORARY EXHIBITION OF THE CENTENNIAL IN THE SANCTUARY OF FÁTIMA

Under the title “The Colors of the Sun the light of Fátima in the Contemporary World” – This temporary exhibition of the apparition of October, 1917, will be open to the public in the Convivium of St. Augustine located on the lower floor of the Basilica of the Most Holy Trinity from November 26, 2016 to October 31, 2018, every day from 9:00AM to 7:00PM.

Taking from the historical material of October 13, 1917 and from direct and indirect reports on the Miracle of the Sun, the exhibition aims to recreate, through various sensorial mechanisms, scenarios related to the landscape of the day of the last apparition of the Virgin Mary in Fátima. From these memories, the visitor will be aware that the Miracle of the Sun was not the time that ended the history of the apparitions, but the first day of a story in which the pilgrim becomes a true protagonist.

Through the language of museology, art works and other materials of different historical epochs testimonials in a dialog which will interpret the role of Fátima in the contemporary world. The exhibition is free and will be open to the public for two years.

THE BIOGRAPHY OF SISTER LÚCIA IN **SPANISH**

A Pathway Under the Gaze of Mary, the biography of Sister Lúcia is also available in Spanish.

This work, written by the Carmel of Coimbra, present the complete life of the Shepherdess Lúcia who saw and spoke to Our Lady more brilliant than the sun and reveals various aspects and events of her life unknown until now, is still documented by her personal writings and is Illustrated by a vast photo biography.

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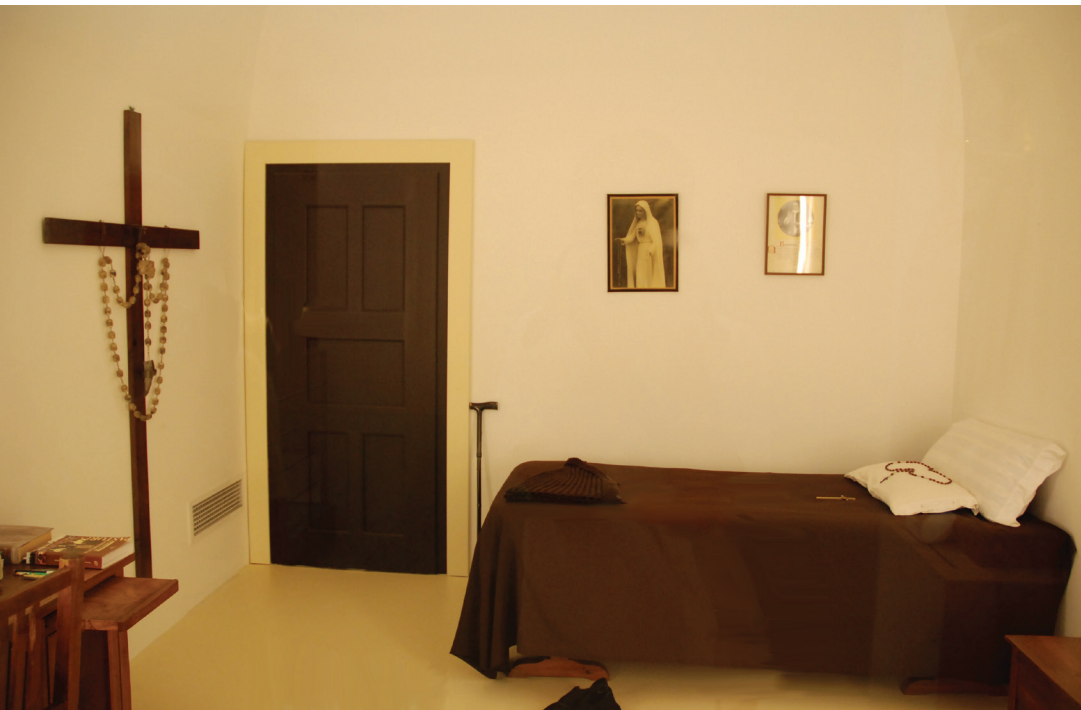
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the Bishop of Coimbra,
Virgil Antunes

17.00 H

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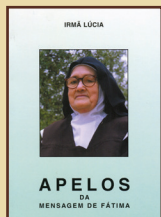
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BIOGRAPHY

Lúcia Rosa dos Santos, was born in Aljustrel, parish of Fatima, on March 28, 1907.

In the company of her cousins, Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta Marto, they received, in 1916, the visit of an Angel three times, and six times Our Lady visited them

in 1917, who asked for prayers and penance in reparation and for the conversion of sinners.

Her special mission was to spread the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as the center of the Message of Fatima.

Lúcia joined the Congregation of Saint Dorothy, in Spain, where she received the apparitions in Tuy and Pontevedra.

Desiring a life of greater recollection to respond to the message that Our Lady had entrusted to her, she entered the Carmel in Coimbra to live a life deeply in prayer and sacrifice. Our Lady came to take Lúcia to Heaven on February 13, 2005, and her body rests in the Basilica of Fatima since the day of February 19, 2006.

To all those who wish to help in the expenses
for the Cause of Beatification
of the Servant of God, Sister Lucia,
we thank you and please
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for the intentions of all the people
who request the
intercession of Sister Lúcia.

PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF SISTER LUCIA

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly and I thank you for the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima, that revealed to the world the riches of her Immaculate Heart. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I implore You, if it should be for Your greater glory and the good of our souls, to glorify Sr. Lucy, one of the Shepherds of Fatima, by granting us the grace which we implore through her intercession. Amen

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

With Ecclesiastical approval
Please send details of any favors received
though her intercession to Carmelo de Santa
Teresa - Coimbra.

“Are you willing to offer yourselves to God and bear all the sufferings He wills to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins to which He is offended, and of supplication for the conversion of sinners? Yes, we are willing.”

It was from the light by the perspective of many sufferings that I gave this Yes, and the Lord did not deceive us or did we lack from His Grace, as Our Lady promised. The grace of God will be your comfort. It is this grace of God that acts in us, taking us wherever God wants to lead us, and we are content, as abandoned children in the arms of the Father, whether He leads us on ordinary paths or leads us in tortuous ways, setting our feet in the footsteps of Christ, going before us, which He left imprinted on the soil of the earth. It is to go up the steep mountain with Him, Jesus, a rampart of Mount Calvary; it is to drink with Him to the last drop of the Cup that the Father has presented to Him. It is to be one with Him in the breaking of the bread and in the drinking of the cup; that is, by our intimate union with Him, the beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased, seeing in us, the face of His Son, the Holy Spirit who fires in us the fire of pure love transforms us into a being of eternal praise to the Most Holy Trinity, whom I adore, I love, and I want to praise forever! From Him, I wait for this grace that will be my hymn of eternal love!

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How I see the Message



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