



# Bulletin

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**Maria Lúcia**

of the Immaculate

# Heart

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*Mary is, for all of us,  
the model of the most  
perfect holiness, the one  
that can raise a creature  
on this earth.*

Sister Lúcia



## OCTOBER 13, 1917



We left home quite early, with delays along the way. People were kneeling on the ground. The rain fell in torrents. My mother, fearing that it was the last day of my life, with her heart torn with uncertainty as to what was going to happen and she wanted to accompany me. Not even the muddy roads could prevent these people from kneeling in the most humble and suppliant of attitudes. We reached the holmoak in the Cova da Iria and moved by an interior impulse I asked the people to shut their umbrellas and say the Rosary. A little later, we saw the flash of light, and then Our Lady appeared on the holmoak.

“What do you want of me?”

“I want to tell you that a chapel is to be built here in my honor. I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day. The war is going to end, and

the soldiers will soon return to their homes.

“I have many things to ask you: the cure of some sick persons, the conversion of sinners, and other things...”

“Some yes, but not others. They must amend their lives and ask forgiveness for their sins.”

Looking very sad, Our Lady said: “Do not offend the Lord Our God who is already very offended.”

Then, opening her hands, she made them reflect on the sun and as she ascended, the reflection of her own light continued to be projected on the sun itself. This is the reason why I cried out to the people to look at the sun.

After Our Lady had disappeared into the immense distance of the firmament, we beheld St. Joseph with the Child Jesus and Our Lady was dressed in white with a blue mantle. Saint Joseph with the Child seemed to bless the world for they traced the Sign of the Cross with their hands. Shortly after, this apparition disappeared, I saw Our Lord and Our Lady; it seemed to me that it was Our Lady of Sorrows. Our Lord appeared to bless the world in the same manner as St. Joseph had done. The apparition also vanished and I saw our Lady once more, this time resembling Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Sister Lúcia | Memoirs I

# THREE APPARITIONS, THREE CALLS

God chose to conclude the Message in Fatima, in October 1917, with three apparitions which I regard as three calls placed before us for our consideration so that we may keep them in mind during our earthly pilgrimage.

The first was the apparition of the Holy Family: Our Lady, and the Child Jesus in the arms of St. Joseph, blessing the people.

God entrusted to the family the sacred mission of co-operating with Him in the work of creation. This decision to associate his poor creatures with his creative work is a great demonstration of the fatherly goodness of God; it is like making them sharers in His creative power. The Message of Fatima, God calls us to turn our eyes to the Holy Family of Nazareth, where He chose to be born, and to grow in grace and stature, in order to present to us a model to imitate as our footsteps tread the path of our pilgrimage to Heaven.

The second manifestation, Our Lord appeared as the Perfect Man and our Lady as Our Lady of Sorrows.

Jesus lived in the world as a perfect man, that in everything he did the will of the Father. The teaching of Jesus Christ is light and life to us on our way. By following it, we are sure not to stray.

Our Lady as Our Lady of Sorrows, by means of this vision, God will have wished to show us the value of suffering, sacrifice and immolation for the sake of love. Life brings with it the martyrdom of the Cross. With it, you will have wanted God to show us the value of suffering, sacrifice and sacrifice for love. The life brings with it the martyrdom of the cross. There is no one in the world who does not have to suffer in some way. Mary was chosen by God to be Mother of his Son – the Mother of Jesus Christ – and the Mother of his Mystical Body, the Church, which is her spiritual progeny.



The third apparition we saw Our Lady of Mount Carmel and in my view meant total consecration to God.

By showing herself clothed in a religious habit, she wished to represent all the other habits by which those who are totally consecrated to God can be distinguished from ordinary secular Christians. For this we are called and chosen by Christ; to follow Him, turning our backs on ourselves and all earthly things, in order to bear witness to Christ and confess Him to the ends of the earth; proclaiming and teaching his doctrine by word and by example in order to be light for men and women so that they can see in us the image of Christ.

One can discern another meaning in the apparition of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, namely the call to holiness. In it we see one who, like ourselves, lived on earth and sanctified herself, but now lives and reigns with God in Heaven, enjoying the fruit and the reward of this sanctification. Thus Mary is, for each one of us, the model and the most perfect holiness which can raise a creature in this poor land of exile.

Sister Lúcia | “Calls” from the Message of Fatima





One hundred years later. It is time to assess the size of an event which cannot fail to have been important, otherwise, one hundred years later, no one would remember.

Lúcia, Francisco and Jacinta, as children learned to know the mother even before knowing her name, they learned to go out to the Virgin, to look at the Lady more brilliant than the sun, which reflected upon them, the light from Heaven.

Fátima can be seen from different angles, but has a particular hue when we see it from the gaze of the shepherds. Chosen by God, their lives changed completely on that day when they received the visit of the beautiful Lady and realized that She wanted from them something special. Lúcia, who spoke on behalf of the group, was the one who asked the question: "What does Your Grace want of me?". Innocence and purity of a child wrapped in the gift of God, who does not believe in taking advantage of the benefit received but she offers immediately to do what she is asked, not even making sense of what could be and how demanding and difficult it would be.

The dialog continues and the Lady tells them what they want, while

## WHAT IS IT THAT YOUR GRACE WANTS ME?

respecting their freedom to accept or not: "Are you willing to offer yourselves to God to bear all the sufferings that he wants to send you?"

- Yes, we are willing.

- You will therefore have much to suffer, but the grace of God will be your comfort."

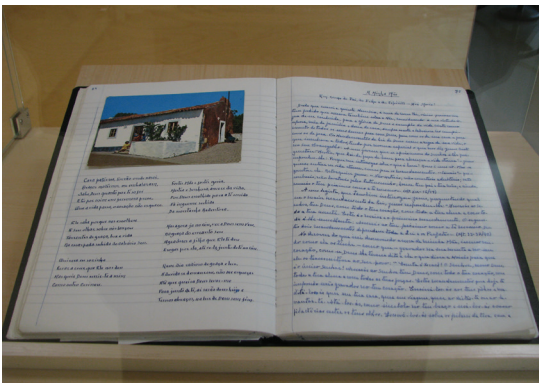
All three have suffered much, but always witnessed the inner joy they felt in the delivery of their lives to God through the hands of Mary. As Sister Lúcia would later write: "Without realizing it, this 'yes', freed us from ourselves and everything of the earth we could we have, for, stripped of everything, we followed the path through which God wanted to lead us. He gave me a mother to my own mother and she saved my life." The life of Lúcia was the longest, during 88 years, she continued to ask God what He wanted from her and, in difficult times, the decisions that had to be taken, in doubts and trials that went up to her last breath, she constantly renewed the "Yes, I want to" spoken for the first time in Cova da Iria.

"To be holy is know to give yourself, and in giving yourself always say "Yes!" to everything that the Lord wills, with love, with joy and generosity", left us in writing, more than with ink, with her own life.

One hundred years later "What does Your Grace want of me?" Lúcia, as once said "that you, Lord, for me?" Teresa, show us tears in hearts large and fully available to the will of God. The saints are those who do not measure consequences when it comes to giving all to everything, whatever it is that God asks of them.

# MEMORIAL OF SISTER LÚCIA

The Memorial of Sister Lúcia is located next to the Carmel of Coimbra, where she lived for 57 years. The Memorial contains her gifts and also displays the unique items of her personal use, as well as the journey of her life.



**Primeiro Rosário da Irmã Lúcia.**  
Oferecido por uma peregrina ao tempo das  
Aparições, foi usado durante muitos anos.

The year 2017 will have a greater emphasis on three items that were used at the time of the Apparitions: The first Rosary that was offered to Lúcia, the Rope that she used around her waist together with her cousins Jacinta and Francisco and the Scarf that Lúcia wore on her head during the Apparitions of Our Lady.

This Centenary Year will also have a temporary exhibition which will be shown to the public for the first time, objects of special importance belonging to the Servant of God, Sister Lúcia of Jesus. The first object that will be exposed will be the original manuscript for the book containing the fifth and sixth memory of Sister Lúcia.

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# GRACES †

I was working for 7 years in a service in which I felt very sad and with difficulty to fulfill my duties. As much as I spoke or asked to change my situation, I was not heard and remained always in the same situation. On February 13th, saw that it was the anniversary of the death of Sister Lúcia and asked her to intercede for me to God and Our Lady that I may receive this gift. The days passed like so many others and I didn't remember most of them, but the day after I had the news that my functions would change briefly, I was convinced that it was Dear Sister Lúcia who interceded for me to God and Our Lady. Thank you Sister Lúcia for the grace received.

**Maria de Fátima | Portugal**

I am thankful from the bottom of my heart for the grace that I was granted through the intercession of beloved Sister Lúcia. The prodigal son returned home after a year. Thank you Sister Lúcia.

**Dulce Fernanda | Portugal**

I thank Sister Lúcia for the grace that I have received, in particular that grace of being free of cancer since 2009 and I also continue to work close to home.

**Maria Amaral | Portugal**

I was depressed and suffered a lot. I prayed very much and made some novenas to our dear Sister Lúcia. Now, I am quite well and I am thankful to God and I am very thankful and promised to publish this grace.

**Noémia Ramos | Portugal**

My daughter had a unbearable strong headache and after several tests, the doctor told her that she had to have an operation. Fearing that it could be something very bad I decided to ask for help from the Servant of God Sister Lúcia and my daughter got well and never had any problems and has a normal life.

**Gracinda Frade | United States of America**

**H**aving already a child of 5 years old, my husband and I decided to have one more son. It thought it was going to be easy and everything would go well as the first time. But this was not the case. I went for consultation and I did everything that the doctor asked of me and I thought that I was going to get pregnant soon, but this did not happen. As the months went by, I saw that I could not get pregnant and I began to get very nervous and anxious. I asked Sister Lúcia to intercede for me to Our Lady of Fátima to grant this grace to me. After some time I started to feel more calm and two months later I was tested and found out that I was pregnant. The pregnancy went very well and the baby was born perfect and healthy. Once more I thank God, Our Lady of Fátima and to Sister Lúcia for granting me this wonderful

**Maria Ivone Ferro | Portugal**

**I** was having a difficult time in selling my property, then I prayed to Sister Lúcia and asked for her intercession. I did the novena and thanked God because I managed to sell my property immediately. I am grateful to Sister Lúcia who heard my prayers.

**Maria | Brasil**

**M**any thanks to Our Lady and to Sister Lúcia for the help they gave me. I prayed and asked a lot for a lady who is my friend that she could have a son. She had already tried several times including with the help of treatments, but the two times that she managed to get pregnant, after a short while, they were aborted. Then we prayed and spent a while trying to get pregnant naturally, and was pregnant until the end and gave birth to a beautiful and healthy girl. We are very grateful to the intercession of Sister Lúcia!

**Maria Alvarez | Spain**

**I** did not feel or have the strength continue working any more. I asked Sister Lúcia to intercede for me in Heaven for overcome many difficult obstacles. I thank God and Sister Lúcia for her intercession for the grace I receive immediately. I am sure that Sister Lúcia interceded for me and so I thank her for this grace.

**Irene Serra | Portugal**

**M**y granddaughter had a disease in her intestines that we cared for very much. I began to pray with faith and hope the prayer asking for the Beatification of Sister Lúcia, asking her for the improvements of my granddaughter. When she had a second examination, she was told that she was cured. That is why I am thankful for this grace and I am sending a small donation to help the Cause of Sister Lúcia.

**Maria do Céu | Portugal**

# THE CONSECRATION OF THE WORLD TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: EPISODES MORE MEANINGFUL

In June 1917, to take into account the writings of Lucia de Jesus, more commonly known as Sister Lúcia, the Virgin Mary revealed to the three seers of Fatima, Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta Marto, a vision of her Immaculate Heart, stating: “[God] wants to establish in the world devotion to My Immaculate Heart.” The following month, on July 13th, the revelation would be more specific: “to prevent [the war], I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. [...] The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me which will be converted and an era of peace will be granted to the world for some time”. According to the sources available, years later, more specifically on June 13, 1929, in the Chapel of Tuy, the Virgin Mary appeared to Lúcia to convey that the time had come for the Pope to make the consecration. The truth is that, from that date, the Seer looked so insistent that the Pope consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, acting primarily through her confessors, José Bernardo Gonçalves and José Aparício da Silva, and Bishop José Alves Correia da Silva, the Bishop of Leiria.

On October 13, 1930, the Bishop of Leiria declared “credible” The Marian apparitions of 1917 at Cova da Iria and established the cult of Our Lady of Fatima. In

short, the church took an official position regarding the Marian Events that occurred in 1917. The following year, on May 13, 1931, the Portuguese bishops consecrated themselves for the first time and Portugal to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The consecration was subsequently renewed by the Portuguese Episcopate on several occasions. It was also the Portuguese Bishops, echoing the strong pressure of Sister Lucy, who in 1938 sent a letter to Pope Pius XI to request the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The seer, on December 2, 1940, drafted a letter to Pope Pius XII requesting that the Pontiff, in union with the bishops of the world, consecrate the world and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

It would be in the year of 1942, in the context of the celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the apparitions in 1917, that a Pope, for the first time, would enshrine the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In the celebrations of closure of this jubilee year scheduled for October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII, through radio message, consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, an act that would renew on December 8th of that year. The same Pontiff, ten years later, on July 7, 1952, the feast of Saints Cyril and Methodius, apostles of the Slavic peoples, renewed the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, this time making a special



reference to Russia: “consecrate all peoples of Russia to the same Immaculate Heart [...]”.

Also the Pope Paul VI, on November 21, 1964, at the end of the third session of the Second Vatican Council, has renewed the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Lucia de Jesus said always, in relation to the acts of consecration mentioned above, that the consecrations were not performed according in the way that was requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The pontificate of John Paul II was indelibly marked by the attack he suffered on May 13, 1981, in St Peter's Square in the Vatican. The Polish Pontiff, not indifferent to the coincidence of the date of the attack with the Marian Events of the Cova da Iria, sought to deepen his knowledge about Fatima, to the point of following the attack, read the manuscript of the third part of the secret of Fatima. Perhaps influenced by his personal experience, John Paul II, soon in this year of 1981, renewed the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by twice, once on June 7th and another on December 8th.

The following year, in 1982, in Fatima, Pope John Paul II journeyed to the Cova da Iria to thank for the survival of the attack of that outside audience during the previous year, having, in the context of this visit, renewed the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on May 13th .

By reading the sources available, it is possible to perceive that the main difficulty of consecrations before was the fact that these acts have not been performed in union with the Bishops. There have been

no coincidence that John Paul II on October 16, 1983, renewed the consecration, this time in union with the bishops who were gathered in synod (in Rome), seeking, as well, to meet what had been requested by the Virgin Mary to Lúcia, but without success.

On December 8, 1983, the day on which he celebrated the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, John Paul II writes a letter that is addressed to all the bishops of the world and through which invites the Bishops to join him on the days of March 24 or 25, 1984, at the time of renewal of the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. So, on March 25, 1984, the day of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, John Paul II, in union with the Bishops of the world and before the image of Our Lady venerated in the Chapel of the Apparitions, expressly requested for this purpose, renewed the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, using, with minor adjustments to the formula that was delivered on May 13, 1982.

Although some authors argue that consecration has not been carried out in the way that the Virgin Mary has asked, Lúcia de Jesus, the chief witness of the events of 1917 and 1929, confirmed in 1989 and clearly that the consecration was “made” on March 25, 1984. So, it seems to be absolutely clear that for Lúcia, the consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was completed by Pope John Paul II in accordance with the request that he had been presented by the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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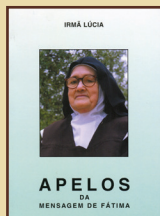
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Lúcia Rosa dos Santos, was born in Aljustrel, parish of Fatima, on March 28, 1907.

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 send Donations to:

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## 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.

## Jubilee Prayer of Consecration

*Hail, Mother of the Lord,  
Virgin Mary, Queen of the Rosary of  
Fatima!  
Blessed among all women,  
you are the image of the Church dressed  
in the Paschal light,  
you are the honor of our people,  
you are the triumph over the mark of evil.  
Prophecy of the merciful Love of the  
Father,  
Teacher of the Annunciation of the Good  
News of the Son,  
Sign of the burning Fire of the Holy Spirit,  
teach us, in this valley of joys and  
sorrows,  
the eternal truths that the Father reveals  
to the little ones.  
Show us the strength of your mantle of  
protection.  
In your Immaculate Heart,  
be the refuge of sinners  
and the way that leads to God.  
In unity with my brethren,  
In Faith, Hope and Love,  
I surrender myself to you.  
In unity with my brethren, through you,  
I consecrate myself to God,  
O Virgin of the Rosary of Fatima.  
And thus surrounded by the Light that  
comes from your hands,  
I will give Glory to the Lord for ever and  
ever.*

*Amen*



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