



Bulletin

of the Servant of God

Maria Lúcia
of the Immaculate

Heart

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We all need Our Lady to intercede for us with God. Well said, by Pope John Paul II, that the prayer of the Rosary was his favorite prayer. Yes it is the most beautiful prayer that Heaven has taught us, and which leads us to a greater knowledge of God and His redemptive work.

Sister Lucia





Pope John Paul II with Sister Lucy in Fatima on May 13, 1982.

Next February 13th completes 13 years ago that Our Lady had fulfilled her promise to come to take Lúcia to God. Less than 2 months later on April 2nd, she came also to seek John Paul II, the “Representative of Christ on Earth”, as Sister Lúcia liked to call the Holy Father.

In this issue of the Bulletin of Sister Lúcia, leaves a tribute to the strong connection that existed between the Pastor and the Shepherdess, transcribing the last words that he spoke on her departure to the Father’s house.

Reverend Sister Lúcia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart

I have been informed of the state in

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which your health is concerned. I come to affirm my affectionate union with a particular remembrance of your person with the God of all consolation so that you can serenely surrender mercifully these resigned moments of trial united with Christ the Redeemer and letting yourself be enlightened by his Passover. As a pledge of the best heavenly graces, I extend to you, your Carmelite community and families my Apostolic Blessing.

February 13, 2005

Johannes Paulus PP.II

Significant was the fact that the Servant of God Sister Lúcia died with the Rosary that the Pope had offered in her hands, the Rosary was then sent by the Carmelite Sisters of Coimbra to the Holy Father, arriving that he too, died with it in his hands.

On February 15th, in the new Cathedral of Coimbra, the Funeral Mass was presided by His Eminence, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, special envoy of the Holy Father and the bearer of a message sent by His Holiness, in the following terms:

The venerable Brother Albino

Mamede Cleto, Bishop of Coimbra

With deep emotion I learned that Sister Maria Lúcia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart, 97 years old, was called by the heavenly Father for the eternal mansions of Heaven. She just reached the goal for which she always aspired in prayer and silence, the convent.

The liturgy of these days reminded us that death is the common inheritance of the children of Adam, but at the same time gave us the assurance that Jesus, the sacrifice of the cross, has opened the door to immortal life. These certainties of the faith we remember, when we give our ultimate salute to this humble and devout Carmelite who consecrated her life to Christ, Savoir of the world.

The visit of the Virgin Mary that little Lúcia received in Fátima, along with her cousins Francisco and Jacinta in 1917, she went to the top of a natural mission to which she remained faithful until the end of her days. Sister Lúcia leaves us with an example of great fidelity to the Lord and of joyful adherence to His divine will. I remember with emotion the various meetings that I had with her and the bond of spiritual friendship that over time had become more intense. I have always felt supported by the daily gift of her prayer, especially in the hard times of trial and suffering. May the Lord reward her amply for the great and hidden service to the Church. I like to think that Sister Lúcia



Pope John Paul II with Sister Lucy in Fátima on May 13, 2000.

received her pious passage from earth to Heaven and that it was precisely what she saw in Fátima, so many years ago. I would like now that the Holy Virgin accompanies the soul of Her devoted daughter, a blissful encounter with the divine Bridegroom.

I trust you, Venerable Brother, to the task of ensuring the religious of the Carmel of Coimbra my spiritual closeness to grant a pledge of consolation at the moment of separation, an affectionate Blessing extended to the families, to you Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, my Special Envoy and to all participants in the sacred rite of suffrage.

Vatican, February 14, 2005, John Paul II

ABOUT THE APPARITIONS AND SISTER LÚCIA:

testemunho do seu alcance espiritual

Nair Nazaré de Castro Soares - Prof. Professor of the University of Coimbra; OCDS

The distance of time, our memory fills and everything that impressively touches us, becomes formed and shapes us into the person that we are.

There is no doubt that the apparitions of the Virgin at Fatima shaped the 20th century, in Portugal – land of Santa Maria and became an essential reference over a century, throughout the world, in terms of the experience of the divine, individual and collective. It is, in this sense that supports my statement. Even without the perfect use of reason, in early childhood, I remember my family praying the Rosary around the fireplace, in the harsh winters in a village on the slopes of the Mountain, and the prayers that my mother taught us when she was putting u to bed. So she proceeded with seven children over the years.

She spoke of the Three Little Shepherds who knew and loved to pray so that the Mother of Heaven loved them so much and entrusted them with her secrets. A little shepherdess, Lúcia, the oldest of the three was still alive and lived in a convent in Coimbra. This image of the three children, like us, to whom Our Lady appeared, who loved to

pray to Jesus and His Mother were engraved like a seal in our hearts and our understanding, Also in our childhood imagery; in us, echoed the words of my maternal grandmother who spoke to us with deep emotion of the pity she had for not being able to go to Fátima to witness the “Miracle of the Sun” on October 13, 1917. She had her oldest daughter who was only two years old. My mother was born in 1920, the same year of Saint John Paul II. How cheerful she was, with a natural aptitude for the theater, with a voice of unmatched timbre and angelic delicacy. We sang many songs and many hymns of the Church, making joy in prayer, her legacy, forever.

We grew up in this environment that did not differ much from what we heard from Sister Lúcia and is described in her Memoirs: joy and prayer were the leaven and salt of a full life that took place in the serenity of days.

I had the privilege to know Sister Lúcia personally, when I became with my husband a Secular Carmelite, by the hand of a Holy priest, Fr. Jeremias Carlos Vechina, OCD.

Many times, on festive occasions, we were able to be deprived with the Shepherdess, who remained on the earth “for some time” - well beyond the ninety years - to spread devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Message of the Lady in the Sun. Sometimes it was her, Sister Lúcia, the sunbeam illuminating the daily life of so many lives – who received thousands of letters and responded to them, offering to all with her grace and her prayer, the certainty of a Heaven so near in our hearts, by the confidence in the Faithfulness and the Mercy of the Lord, through

the intercession of Mary. So many times we spoke to her and we heard her speak, detached, on among all the Sisters, without any difference or privilege. So many times we listened to the Sisters in the Community, the recreational games that our Shepherdess fostered, singing the songs that made her the joyful and festive girl of a few years, her smile, her sense of humor and holy irony, and her profound advice and warnings that, by her universality, they all directed. I also heard from her in quick strokes, in the short time that we had in the Locutory, words that summed up the essence of Happiness and Joy in this world and in that which prolongs it, by “entering into Life”.

One of the times, Sister Lúcia offered us one of the most moving moments of her life as a little girl. She played with my daughter at the age of 12, she accompanied her parents, praising her for the fancy earrings she wore. And said, what beautiful earrings you bring. I also had earrings, when I was your age. My mother, when my sisters were starting to be ladies, offered them some earrings. I was still in College in Porto. You know at that time, pneumonia killed a lot of people and a girl colleague of mine had died. Her poor mother who had come to her daughter’s funeral and lived on the outskirts of Lisbon, wept at the door of the College when she said good-bye. I came to her and said: “Do not cry, your girl is in Heaven next to Our Lady who will protect her and her family. It was then that she confessed to me, in tears: “It is not only for my dear daughter that I cry, but because I have no money to return home, where I have



many other children waiting for me”. Then, without hesitation, I removed my earrings and gave them to her, telling her to run to a goldsmith, who would still be open at that time. He would be able to change them for the value they had, because they were of gold. This way she could return home and still have some money for other needs. After that at the time of my coming home for Christmas vacation, my mother looked at me and asked me: “Where are your earrings”? I told her what happened and my mother was very touched and said: “Too bad I was not there at that time, I would have gave her mine also”. This experience that Sister Lúcia had was a prodigious memory that she had and kept it for many years. This touched everyone and was recorded in the Book of Acts of the Secular Order of the Discalced Carmelites of Coimbra. I can finally say with Pleasure that “events like this are like teachings that God gives to us to live in love day after day”.

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13TH ANNIVERSARY OF SISTER LUCIA'S DEATH

EUCCHARIST

presided over by the
Bishop of Coimbra,
Bishop Virgílio Antunes,
at 4:00 p.m.
Carmelo de Santa Teresa
Coimbra

EXPOSITION: PATH OF LIGHT

The temporary exhibition
“Path of Light” will be
open to the public
from *February 13, 2018*
at the Memorial Museum of Sister
Lúcia, Coimbra.

It presents 16 works of painting, made by charcoal, by Francisco Correia de Almeida and a main panel with an oil painting of the photograph of the 3 seers of Fátima taken in October 2007. The paintings claim to relate several important moments in the life of Lúcia de Jesus, which she described, often as a path. The works of the first three panels are all made from authentic



photographs of the seer and confidant of Our Lady, enhancing admirably and perfectly the most characteristic features of her physiognomy. A very important panel presents 4 important moments of Lúcia's encounter with Our Lady throughout her life.

This photo biography, depicted in painting, reflects the path that Lucia, whose name means light, traveled for almost a hundred years and wants to be a tribute to the footsteps of the seer whose life was “a path to God.” The exhibition details with the support of the Carmel of St. Teresa and the Memorial of Sister Lúcia.

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Not infrequently, as I stood in front of Sister Lúcia, listening to her in her simplicity in the youth of her old age, I found myself contemplating the mystery of her living presence in the world, witness of two great wars and so many other in the troubled 20th Century and at the dawn of a new millennium, she represented even more: she was an acting instrument that God had used to awaken people from the indifference of a civilization which, in the words of St. John Paul II, “if it is not atheistic in a programmatic way, it is certainly is positivist and agnostic that is inspired by the principle of thinking and acting as if God did not exist”, where “anti-evangelization currents appear that reach the very foundations of human morality, involving the family and spreading moral pessimism”.

(Memory and Identity: Colloquia in the transition of the millennium (Lisbon, Bertrand, 2005, pp. 50-51).

Sister Lúcia and the contemplative Sisters who have lived with her for so many hours, so many days, so many years, in the silence of the cloister, in Coimbra, continue today to witness the action of the leaven evangelical to the contemporary world.

There are countless religious tourism tours from around the world that visit the Memorial of Sister Lucy daily and celebrate Mass in the Convent of St. Teresa, where the Seer of Fatima spent most of her life and, in her bronze image, continues to welcome all who visit her and to the city that has welcomed her in earthly life and forever.

MEMORIAL OF SISTER LÚCIA

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I want to thank and bear witness to the graces obtained through Sister Lúcia, because we were desperate with our daughter and son-in-law unemployed and without employment prospects, living with friends. But a miracle happened, Ana Beatriz and Filipe got a job in London, in their area, they got a home and now we're all calm.

Eracy Maria de Godoy Figueiredo | Brasil

I asked Sister Lúcia to help me get through a discipline which for me was very difficult. Sister Lúcia interceded for me and I went to this and I did not expect to complete but I did, although it was very difficult.

Maria Vouga | Portugal

I thank Sister Lucy for intercession with Our Lady and with God for the grace of my Father's medical examinations to be within the regularity. I never tire of giving thanks to Our Lady and to God, through Sister Lucy, for this great grace. At present, I am reread the books of Sister Lucy new I will discover. Thank you very much Our Lady.

Vitor Monteiro | Portugal

I want to thank in a very humble way the times that Sister Lúcia helped me straighten out my life. It is a true miracle for me to be able to count on Sister Lucia and I am very grateful to her intercession.

Rosa | Espanha

I thank Sister Lúcia infinitely for her help in achieving a personal goal that seemed quite distant, however, through prayer and faith, everything was made easier and so I got the response from the Government that was waiting for. Again, I thank Sister Lúcia infinitely and I hope that more people will be able to know their testimony of life and the help she continue to give us.

Ricardo R. | Colômbia

I come to express my gratitude for the grace I received through the intercession of Sister Lúcia. I had to do an endoscopy and colonoscopy and the results were normal. I promised to publish this grace if everything went well and it did, thank God.

Lucia Bogacki | USA

I come to communicate a grace received some time ago by the intercession of Sister Lucy. I was walking in a life of grave mortal sin and asked Sister Lucia to intercede for me to confess, but there were no legs to take me to the confessional, but I always went to Holy Mass with my eleven-year-old son. At the moment (a man and women) were going to receive holy communion and I sat down, but on a certain Sunday at the time of communion when I sat down one of them called me because I was not going to communion, I say I was speechless and I wondered: what father it's me, what examples I was giving my children he said to me. I have to go confess, receive the sacrament of reconciliation, and it happened. I think I received this grace through Sister Lúcia's intercession through a child (one of my children).

Anónimo | Portugal

I was with great concern that about two years after marriage we realized our difficulty in getting pregnant. We went to a doctor in Lisbon, considered one of the best in the field of fertility. Over the course of a year we underwent several treatments and pregnancy never succeeded. Until the day the doctor called us and told us that it would be best to think about adopting a child, because the health problems that existed in both would never allow a successful pregnancy. Our sorrow was immense, and although we were told about egg donation, we did not even think about it given the ethical implications. We have also begun to take steps for adoption. On the day of Sister Lúcia's funeral, my wife prayed to her earnestly and asked for her intercession on our behalf. She did the same months later, at the funeral of St. John Paul II. For me, without knowing anything of what I had done, I prayed to Lord Jesus das Chagas, venerated in Sesimbra, addressing him more intensely on the day of his feast, on May 4, 2006. That same month we learned that my wife was pregnant. When we called the doctor, she said that although she did not have faith, she considered it a miracle, because she did not find a scientific explanation. About a year later, my wife successfully re-conceived; the statement of the same doctor was peremptory: "If in the first case I find a miracle, here is a miracle to double." Only a few days ago my wife, at Fátima, in front of the tomb of Sister Lúcia, told me of her prayers. Not knowing who to whom grace was owed, I meditated on the subject, and I came to the conclusion that Sister Lúcia could only have been the intercessor for such a success. The reason is simple: when I prayed to the Lord of Chagas and my wife to St. John Paul, she was already pregnant (without us knowing it).

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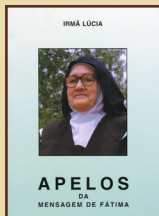
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BIOGRAPHY

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 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.

Archbishop Rino Fisichella confident that 'soon' Sister Lúcia will receive 'due recognition'

The president of the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization said that he is confident of a speedy resolution of the process of canonization of Sister Lúcia of Jesus, the seer of Fátima, at the opening of the international pilgrimage of August to the Sanctuary of Fátima.

"We are confident that also the Servant of God, Sister Lúcia, can receive the recognition that is due to her, and so also in holiness the three shepherds will be reunited as they once were," said Rino Fisichella in the Chapel of the Apparitions. The president of the fourth anniversary pilgrimage of the centennial began by pointing out that the shepherds Francisco and Jacinta Marto "are saints for the whole church".

"The faith and the word of the Pope attest that they are in the paradise where they intercede for us," added the Italian archbishop.

He also highlighted the example of the shepherds who were "objects of scorn, doubts, gratuitous violence" but the "simplicity" of their narrative and the sincerity of their poor lives "have won the hearts of so many people."

"Mary, the Mother of God, used them to send us the request for prayer. In these days we are here in the chapel before the loving eyes of the beautiful lady dressed in white to pray", he expressed.

"Let us ask her the grace of learning every day to pray without deceiving ourselves as we know how to do it," he added.



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