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I would like to pass on the Message that the good God, through his most holy Mother, entrusted to the humble little shepherds, in the Cova da Iria, to address to the humanity of today His appeals of all time.

Sister Lúcia



ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION OF A WORKING GROUP ON THE SISTER LÚCIA'S ARCHIVE

The Carmel of St. Teresa of Coimbra, following the determinations of Sister Maria Lúcia of Jesus and Immaculate Heart, O.C.D., who trusted her archive to this Community, makes public the constitution of a working group exclusively designated to conserve and organize the archives of this documental asset. It shall support the upcoming publications as well, which will be planned and coordinated by the Carmel of St. Teresa, based on the archives preserved in it.

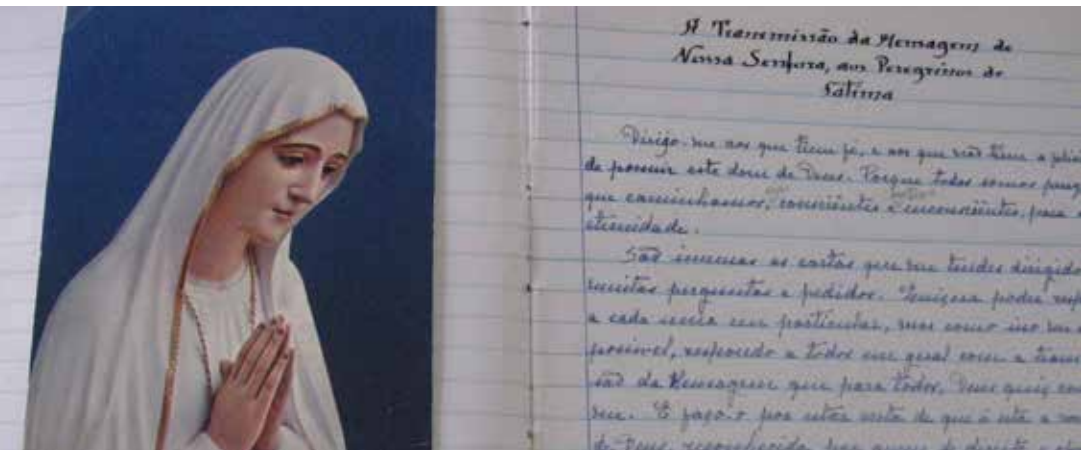
Sister Lúcia of Jesus, who professed in this Carmel, in 1948, and in which lived for 57 years, satisfied the request of Our Lady by starting the movement of the divulgation of the Message of Fátima with her writings: Memoirs, Appeals from the Message of Fátima, How I understand the Message throughout the times and events (published titles), personal writings (unpublished), and correspondence with several entities, whether they may be ecclesiastical, civil, familiar or devout people from around the world.

Understanding that it is its duty the divulgation of the writings (unpublished or not), in which she intervened directly or indirectly, as somehow fundamental to the study of the Message of Fátima and the Sister's Lúcia life and work, this Carmel undertakes, as the confidant of Our Lady did, the continuation of her work.

At the moment, the importance of this project reflects all the work that has been developed under the Cause for the Canonization of the Servant of God Sister Lúcia, and its own development.

This working group is structured in direction, archival coordination, and consultancy, having as one of its essential axes and guiding lines Sister Lúcia's understanding of her archival assets, considering it as *evidence of faith!*

THE SISTER LÚCIA'S ARCHIVE: A MILESTONE OF HISTORICAL MEMORY



The public and secular life of the seer of Fátima, Lúcia de Jesus Rosa dos Santos, was short and fundamentally marked by the events of the Cova da Iria. This period is well known, and made her a highlighted person, easily recognizable and strongly requested, within a Catholic society that was beginning to understand Fátima in its religious horizon.

It was in a consecrated life, partially or totally enclosed, that she lived most of her days; a way of life in retreat, mainly secluded from potential exhausting contact with a growing number of devout people of Fátima, however not a life apart from the world.

As a Dorothean (1925-1948), but mostly as a Discalced Carmelite in the Carmel of Coimbra (1948-2005), where she received her religious name, Sister Lúcia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart, she developed an intense activity to spread the Message of Fátima, at the same time that she engaged in her whole spiritual journey to get in a personal relationship with the transcendent.

The interest of the world for Fátima and Sister Lúcia, as well as her desire to carry out the mission of spreading the Message of Fátima and its offer for personal conversion, gave rise to an intense epistolary exchange, trying to respond to the thousands of letters addressed to her.

By associating this epistolary production to other typologies of her written production, like the diaries and other personal writings, allows us to understand what has already been asserted of Sister Lúcia as one of the most prolific Portuguese writers of the 20th century.

The number of documents received and written by Sister Lúcia, which are currently under the preservation and ownership of the Convent of St. Teresa of Coimbra, become therefore relevant for its quantity as a form of a significant personal archive.

At the same time, the Sister Lúcia's Archive (in other words, the set of documents written or received by Sister Lúcia), are noteworthy for their ecclesiastical, political, economic, social, and cultural relevance, considering many of whom have written them; thus, in addition to the thousands of writings by more or less anonymous pious people, there are many letters written by prominent worldwide and Portuguese names of the 20th century, as well as by great figures of the ecclesiastical hierarchy.

It is the importance of what they write, and of the issues which they deal with Sister Lúcia, rather than the formal relevance of such people in society, that makes the Sister Lúcia's Archive a historical asset of first magnitude for an understanding not only of the history of Fátima and its message, but also of the ecclesial history of the 20th century. Apart from the direct eyes of the world (except when the Popes visit Fátima), Sister Lúcia played a notable role in the 20th century Portuguese society, widely transcending the context in which she is normally considered.

The recent decision of the Convent of St. Teresa of Coimbra – i.e., to formalize and organize the Sister Lúcia's Archive – shall enable, somewhere down the road, the conservation of this important collective and individual milestone of historical memory, while allowing the full knowledge of the personal and spiritual dimensions of one of the most important figures the 20th century Catholicism, of whom there is so much to be deepened.

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GRACES



I am 13 years old, and I want to give thanks to Lúcia of Fátima for the grace she granted me in receiving my first communion on my birthday. I wished to receive Jesus for 3 years already, but since it lasted so long, thanks to Lúcia of Fátima, my mother changed her mind and let me receive him. Thanks to my first Communion, my family gathered, and we spent a wonderful day. I would love to get to know more about the history of Fátima and to have a print card of Lúcia.

Diego Leal, Spain

I give thanks to God, through the intercession of Sister Lúcia, because my grandson was able to pass a school exam. I send all my best greetings to those who work for this cause.

Madalena Vidal, Portugal

In my family, we were in great distress for a month, because my daughter was pregnant, and the doctor told us that the baby could be disabled. So, I prayed a novena to Sister Lúcia, asking for her intercession along with Our Lady to beseech to Jesus for this grace of the baby to be well. I strongly prayed, together with my family, and my grandson was born in perfect health.

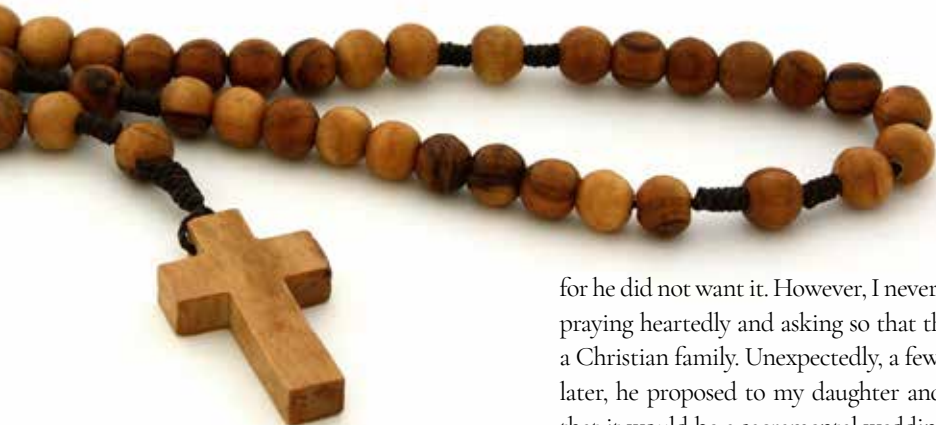
Laura Lopes, Portugal

On a certain night, I had a CVA and as consequence, I got a huge pain in the eye and face on the right side, as well as a big swelling. After some medical exams, the doctor told me that I had two cerebrovascular accidents, that I would have to accept that it wouldn't get better, and if it would get any better it would be

nothing special and many months from then. I conformed myself to that opinion, but at the same time I thought that for God nothing is impossible, and that is when I decided to appeal to the intercession of Our Lady and Sister Lúcia. But once the pain kept growing – and they were unbearable – I didn't stop to pray. To be sure that it would be through her intercession, I asked Sister Lúcia to grant me that grace before the 13th. We are at the 9th. On the next day, while I was having breakfast, I realized that the curtain was white, and I got even better on the 11th. On the 12th, I could see normally. I am very grateful to Sister Lúcia, because it was her who helped me through these hard times. And I never lost the hope of getting better.

Natércia Nogueira, Portugal

By chance, I had access to the Bulletin of Sister Lúcia. Happy chance! Today I want to thank God and Our Lady for the grace granted to me through Sister Lúcia. A few years ago, I had to go to Court because of some problems regarding my family. I even lost my house, because it was alleged in Court that I never lived there. I had to move to a miserable garage, but I always tried to be humble and firm in my faith. I asked very hard to Sister Lúcia to help me, and in the last court session, the judge decided to give me back my house. Nobody knows the joy I felt for having a kitchen again! I am very grateful for this great grace, and that is why I want



to make it public in order to thank for the help I received from Sister Lúcia.

Maria Madalena Branco, Portugal

My wife was hospitalized for six times in the Hospital of the Divino Espírito Santo, in Ponta Delgada, because of injuries in the lower limbs, and she is now much better, for we have prayed and asked for this grace through the intercession of Sister Lúcia. She asked me to communicate this grace as well as our desire to see Sister Lúcia beatified as soon as possible.

Manuel Macedo, Ponta Delgada

I read the biography of Sister Lúcia, published by the Carmel of Coimbra. At the end of the book, I found the prayer for the beatification of Sister Lúcia. I prayed and made my petition to Sister Lúcia to intercede before Our Lady for the conversion of a young man with whom my daughter lives in a civil union. I prayed in the intimacy of my bedroom, but I felt that I should do it with more solemnity. That is when I decided to go to Fátima, and in the Basilica, next to her tomb, I made this request under the protection of Sister Lúcia. My daughter said that they were going to get married, but never religiously,

for he did not want it. However, I never stopped praying heartedly and asking so that they form a Christian family. Unexpectedly, a few months later, he proposed to my daughter and told us that it would be a sacramental wedding. He let himself to be touched by the Lord, and since then he has been participating in some Eucharists and is even more docile when the topic is God or the Church. I tell this story, which for me was a true miracle, and I think it could only have happened through the intervention of Sister Lúcia, who interceded for him before Our Lord and Our Lady.

Maria Helena Batista, Portugal

Iwould like to communicate two graces received through the intercession of Sister Lúcia. I had a surgical intervention in my bladder, and it went wrong. That is why I had to go a second time to the surgery room. I was quite scared, but I felt that Sister Lúcia was with me to help. After this surgery, I was well and without problems. The other grace is related to some financial problems regarding the house deed, not easy to solve, but with prayer everything went fine. I express my gratitude.

Glória Homem, Portugal

BOOKS

MEMÓRIAS DA IRMÃ LÚCIA I

Author: Sister Lúcia

Number of pages: 237

Price: € 6.00

MEMÓRIAS DA IRMÃ LÚCIA II

Author: Sister Lúcia

Number of pages: 194

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Author: Sister Lúcia

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Author: Theresa Ameal

Number of pages: 78

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BIOGRAPHY

Lúcia Rosa dos Santos was born in Aljustrel, Parish of Fátima, on the 28th of March 1907. In the company of her two cousins, the Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto, she was visited for three times by an Angel (1916) and six by Our Lady (1917), who asked them to pray and do penance for the reparation and conversion of sinners. Her peculiar vocation consisted in spreading the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as the soul of the Message of Fátima.

She entered the Dorotheans, in Spain, where she had the experience of the apparitions in Tuy and Pontevedra: the apparitions of the Holy Trinity, Our Lady and the Infant Jesus.

Yearning for a life of deeper retreat in order to better respond to the Message entrusted to her by the Lady, she entered the Carmel of Coimbra, in 1948, wherein she devoted herself more intensely to prayer and sacrifice. Our Lady came for her on the 13th of February 2005, and her body rests in the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, in Fátima, since the 19th February 2006.

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In the Carmel of Coimbra, on the first Saturdays of each month as well as in every 13th, the Eucharist is offered for the intentions of those who trust themselves to the intercession of Sister Lúcia.

PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF SISTER LÚCIA

Oh, Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore thee profoundly and give you thanks for the apparitions of the Most Holy Virgin in Fátima, who revealed to the world the riches of her Immaculate Heart.

By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I pray Thee, if it should be for your greater glory and the good of our souls, to glorify Sister Lúcia, the shepherd of Fátima, before the Holy Church, by granting us the grace which we ask through her intercession.

Amen. Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory.

With ecclesiastical approval.
We kindly ask you to communicate all the received graces to the Carmel of Coimbra.

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LÚCIA

MARIA LÚCIA OF JESUS
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To say pilgrims of Fátima is the same as saying pilgrims of peace. We are all pilgrims of peace: we all long and yearn for peaceful days, to live in peace. But such peace will not be achieved unless we use the Law of God as the norm and guide to our steps. Well, the entire Message of Fátima is a call to pay attention to this Divine Law.

When the Apparitions took place, I did not yet know this Law; I only had a limited and very imperfect idea about it, just like any other ignorant child, such as I was then, unable to read or write, and living in a place so far removed from culture and science, such as my home village. Besides that, despite having later lived in more educated environments, I confess that I only acquired this knowledge through the light that God gave me.

As a matter of fact, only long after those events, and even after I had written about them, was I able to read the book of the Sacred Scriptures. Only then I understood the true meaning of the message, regardless of being given to understand it earlier, but in a less concrete way.

Sister Lúcia
Apelos da Mensagem de Fátima