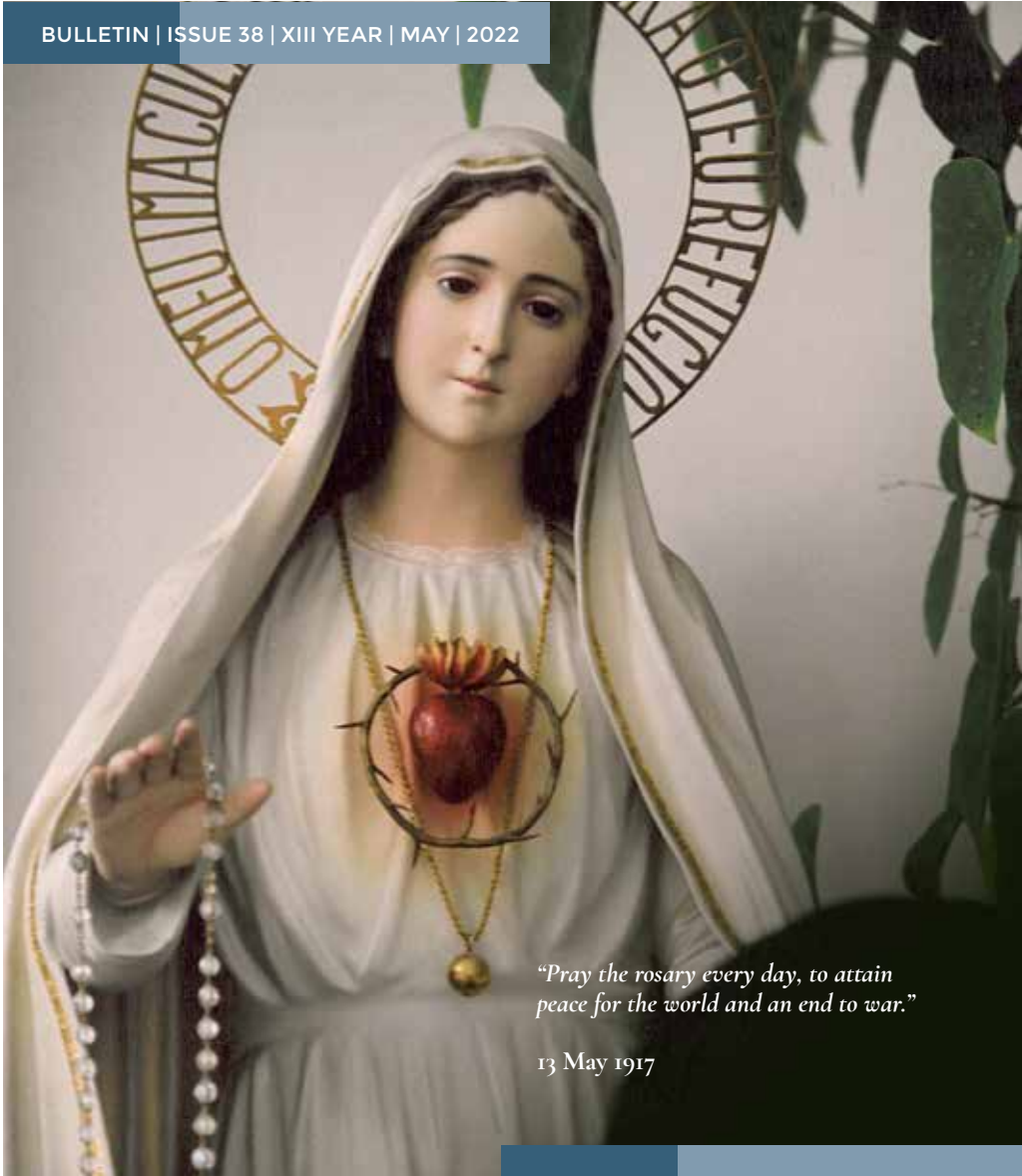


BULLETIN OF THE SERVANT OF GOD MARIA DE LÚCIA OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART

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“Pray the rosary every day, to attain peace for the world and an end to war.”

13 May 1917



PEACE

Around this time, Francisco and Jacinta asked and obtained [...] permission from their parents to start taking care of their own flock. [...]

One beautiful day, we went out with our sheep to one of my parents' lands, which is next to the bottom of the eastern face of the hill. This property was called Chousa Velha. About mid-morning, a light rain began to fall, so light that it seemed more like dew. We climbed the hillside, followed by our sheep, looking for a rock that could shelter us. It was then when we entered that blessed cave for the first time. [...] There, we spent the rest of our day, although the rain has passed, and the sun had become beautiful and clear. We ate our lunch, prayed our rosary, and I don't know if it was one of those days that we used to say only the first words of Hail-Mary and Our-Father, for so intense was our eagerness to play. As soon as our prayer finished, we started to play pebbles!

A few moments after we began to play, a strong wind shakes the trees and makes us raise our eyes to see what was happening, for the day was calm. Then we saw that the figure that I have already mentioned coming towards us from the olive trees. Francisco and Jacinta had never seen it before, nor had I told them anything about it. As it drew closer to us, we could see its features: a young man, about fourteen or fifteen years old, wither than snow, which the sun made transparent as if it was crystal, and of great beauty. As he came closer to us, he said:

– Do not be afraid! I am the Angel of Peace. Pray with me.

And kneeling on the ground, he bowed his forehead to the ground and made us repeat these words for three times:

- My God! I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love! I ask Your pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love You.

Then, rising, he said:

- Pray like this. The hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications.

Such words kept engraved so deeply on our minds that we could never forget them. And from then on, we used to spend long periods of time, prostrate like the Angel, repeating those words sometimes until we fell from exhaustion.

(Memórias da Irmã Lúcia I, 10ª Ed., 2005, pp. 76-78)

THE CONSECRATION

13 JULY 1917

- *What do you want of me? – I asked.*

- *I want you to come here on the 13th day of the next month, to keep praying the rosary every day in honour of Our Lady of the Rosary, to attain peace for the world and an end to war, for only she can help you.*

[...]

- *You have seen hell, where the souls of the poor sinners go; to save them, God is willing to establish in the world the devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If you do what I tell you, many souls shall be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end. However, if people do not cease to offend God, a worse one will begin during the pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night illumined by and unknown light, you shall know that it is the great sign that God is giving you to punish the world for its crimes, with 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, and the reparation Communion on the first Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, it will spread its errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and many nations shall be annihilated. At last, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father shall consecrate Russia to Me, which will be converted, and sometime of peace shall be conceded.

(Memórias da Irmã Lúcia I, 10^a Ed., 2005, pp. 176 e 177).

Pope John Paul II during the act of consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Vatican, March 25, 1984.

To respond more appropriately to the requests of Our Lady, Sister Lúcia attempted several times, before the Popes, to fulfil the requests addressed to the Little Shepherds of Fátima, mainly regarding the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Pius XII was the first to consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on October 31, 1941, although the formula was not sufficient to be considered valid. Again, on the 7th of July 1952, Pius XII consecrated Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, through the Apostolic Letter *Sacro Vergente Anno*, but the union with the bishops of the whole world was in fault.

Later, on the 21st of November 1964, the Pope Paul VI, consecrated humanity to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, when addressing the closure of the third session of the II Vatican Council, but once again the consecration has not been carried out in accordance with the requests of the Virgin Mary.



During the pontificate of John Paul II, and after the assassination attempt, the Pope asked Sister Lúcia about the importance of the union of the bishops of the world, so that the consecration could be accomplished in accordance with the will of Our Lady. Thus, on the 25th of March 1984, the Pope consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Rome, before the image of the Little Chapel of the Apparitions, but united to the bishops of the whole world. This consecration was renewed by John Paul II on the 13th of May 1991, in the shrine of Fátima.

Sister Lúcia personally confirmed that this solemn and universal act of consecration corresponded to what Our Lady requested: «Yes, it was done as Our Lady requested, and was accepted by Heaven, since the 25th of March 1984» (letter of 8th of November 1989) (Memórias da Irmã Lúcia I, Apêndice III, 10ª Ed., 2005, p. 202).



Pope Francis during the act of consecration of Russia, Ukraine and the World to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Vatican, 25th of March 2022.

At the present moment of human history, on the same 25th of March, on the Feast of the Annunciation, Pope Francis renewed the act of consecration, particularly asking intercession for both Russia and Ukraine, the two nations at war.

«The third part of the secret concerns Our Lady's words: "If not, [Russia] will spread its errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, and many nations shall be annihilated" (13-VII-1917).

The third part of the secret is a symbolic revelation, and it refers to this part of the Message, conditioned by whether we accept what the Message asks of us or not: "If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, it will spread its errors throughout the world, and so forth".

Since we did not respond to this appeal of the Message, we can see that it has been fulfilled, i.e., Russia has been invading the world with its errors. And if we have not seen yet the accomplishment of this prophecy as a fact, we can see that we are moving towards there at good round pace. If we do not retrace one's steps, rejecting sin, hatred, revenge, injustice, violation of rights of the human person, immorality, and violence, and so on.

And we should not say that is God who is punishing us; rather, it is the human being who prepare their own punishment. God is only warning and calling us to the right path, but always respecting the freedom which was given to us; therefore, the human being is responsible» (Memórias da Irmã Lúcia I, Apêndice III, 10ª Ed., 2005, p. 203).

MEMORLÆ

PUBLICAÇÃO PERIÓDICA DO MEMORIAL E ARQUIVO IRMÃ LÚCIA
CARMELO DE COIMBRA

I 2022



*O Carmelo, que recebeu e acompanhou
a Irmã Lúcia, tem hoje a missão de fazer
memória e recordar a benção espiritual
que a valente de Fátima nos deixou...*

Pe. Pedro Ferreira
Provincial dos Carmelitas Descalços

*A Irmã Lúcia, apesar de recolhida na clausura
do Carmelo ao longo de mais de cinco décadas,
não se alheia do que se passava no mundo e não
foi esquecida na memória dos crentes.*

D. Virgílio Antunes
Bispo de Coimbra

MEMORIAE

The Community of the Carmel of St Teresa in Coimbra announces the launching of a periodical journal entitled *MEMORIAE*, which the objectives are the promotion and diffusion of the multidisciplinary knowledge of the life and work of Sister Lúcia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart (1907-2005). It will be a publication of spirituality and culture, under the editorial responsibility of the “Sister Lúcia Memorial and Archive”, owned by the Carmel of St Teresa of Coimbra (Portugal).

This *Memoriae* marks as well the official constitution of Sister Lúcia Archive, and its Working Group, but also the construction of its facilities annexed to the already existing Memorial, which shall be called from now on the “Sister Lúcia Memorial and Archive”

Memoriae – Periodical Publication of Sister Lúcia Memorial and Archive, which concerns both an individual and a collective memory is what it aims to reflect about.

Published by the Carmel of Coimbra, the trustee of the memory and the documental asset of Sister Lúcia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart, the new publication aims to study her figure, her personal journey, the relationships she built up during her life, and the wide dimension attained in the Catholic world and beyond.

The public presentation session will take place on the 14th of March 2022, at 4 p.m., at the Sister Lúcia Memorial and Archive in Coimbra.

It is possible to buy a copy at the Memorial or to order it by email: memorialirmalucia@car-melitas.pt, as well as by telephone: (+351) 239 781 638 (opening hours: 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon, and 2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.).

It costs € 12 (plus postage and packaging).

GRACES



I am here to inform of a grace obtained through the intercession of Sister Lúcia, the little shepherdess of Fátima. I had a fall, resulting in a very serious dislocation of the right shoulder. According to the doctor's opinion, recovery would be very difficult, even if we had to have surgery. After walking with my arm immobilized for about two months, I began the physiotherapy treatments that were indicated by the specialist doctor. I applied all my strength at all times, but above all what helped me most was my faith, which I used to hold on to Sister Lúcia and Our Lady of Fátima, asking her in my daily prayers through the Bulletin of the Servant of God Maria Lúcia of the Immaculate Heart for the recovery of my arm, without resorting to surgery. Fortunately, I was heard, because after a year of treatment and after specific tests, the medical team at the hospital where I was being treated have seen that the recovery without the need for surgery is a success worthy of note. In gratitude and so that Sister Lúcia may be recognized as a great intercessor before God and Our Lady, I promised to publish this grace in the Bulletin. Thank you, Sister Lúcia, for having listened to me.

Maria de Lourdes, Portugal

I am here to inform and give thanks for the graces that Sister Lúcia has granted me. A boy, who is like my grandson, did not want to go to catechism class, so I asked for Sister Lúcia's intercession. He attended catechesis and has already received his First Communion. The other grace was for a 14-year-old grandnephew who had been waiting for a heart transplant opera-

tion for two years, and I asked Sister Lúcia to help him. He has had the operation he needed, it went very well, and he is recovering. I am sending a donation for the Cause of Beatification of Sister Lúcia.

Ursinda, Portugal

I am an elderly 82-year-old mother of four children and grandmother of seven grandchildren. I am very devoted to Sister Lúcia and my devotion was strengthened when I had a fall and had to undergo two operations, one on my shoulder and one on my hip. It was at least six months that I could not move freely, and I had to wear a nappy, which was very heavy for me. Every day I prayed to Sister Lúcia with great confidence, imploring her intercession for my cure. After a year, thanks to the prayer I have been addressing to Sister Lúcia and with as much desire to be independent as before my fall, I can be autonomous, move around without a cane and no longer use a nappy. I feel like having been blessed by a miracle, so I thank God, Our Lady and Sister Lúcia! I am writing about my experience to testify to everyone that thanks to faith, impossible wishes can come true, and in bad times only faith and God's love can help us.

Giuliana, Italy

I hereby report a grace granted through the intercession of Sister Lúcia. My grandson with a degree and a Master's in Sports Sciences could not get a job. I prayed a lot, with a lot of Faith, asking her intercession to get the job he so much desired and that grace finally arrived, he is now working in his field and with success. I am very grateful to Sister Lúcia for once again



granting my request.

Maria Ferreira, Portugal.

My mother got a wound on the little toe of her right foot and being diabetic, the problem got worse. I prayed a novena to Sister Lúcia so that she would intercede before God for her cure. But God's will must not have been that, because the toe never healed. However, another grace was the union of the children, that of getting on well and talking when they went to visit their mother who was ill. I attribute this peace between her six children to the intercession of Sister Lúcia. In this family atmosphere we still had the joy of celebrating her 92nd birthday. And after eight days she passed away serene, in peace, without suffering and in the grace of God.

Maria Helena, Portugal

My son was in urgent need of a flat at a lower rent than the one he was living in. He and his wife visited many, but none met their needs. I began to pray a novena to Sister Lúcia and a flat that was unoccupied turned up. They have now moved out and I continue to pray to Sister Lúcia, because my son is unemployed. We are very devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary of Fátima. We have belonged for many years to a community that has her as its Patron Saint. Thank you, Sister Lúcia, for your intercession!

Sónia, Canada

I share with you my experience and the graces I received through Sister Lúcia's intercession. I had the opportunity to take my degree in Coimbra, and on my way to the Faculty I passed almost every day by the Carmel of St Teresa and was blessed to see the great monument of Sister Lúcia at the entrance of the Church. I could not pass by without giving thanks, and I prayed to her interiorly: "if I have a daughter, she will be called Lúcia after your name, Sister". Months have passed since that beautiful experience, and today I am in Venezuela and for the glory of God I am seven months pregnant, expecting a little girl, who shall be called Lúcia, and I know that there are many blessings that she will receive through God and Mary, the Most Holy.

Gabriela, Venezuela

The year 2017 was very complicated for our family: in February my father-in-law was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and in May my husband received the news that he was going to be unemployed. The whole family was left suffering greatly from these two pieces of news, and as time went by, my husband was losing hope of finding a new job. I always prayed a lot to Sister Lúcia to intercede with Our Lady and God our Father to put a new professional challenge in my husband's path. And Sister Lúcia granted me that grace on the 13th of November when my husband started a new job. For us the 13th is not a coincidence, but a sign that Our Lady is always protecting us and interceding for us. I would also like to thank Sister Lúcia, who in my daily life helps me whenever I ask her with great faith.

Maria, Portugal

REOPENING OF SISTER LÚCIA MEMORIAL

On the 13th of February, the 17th anniversary of Sister Lúcia's departure for God, and after being closed for almost two years due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation, the Memorial reopened its doors to welcome back all those who are willing to know more about the Servant of God Sister Lúcia, and to have a closer look at her asset.



Visit of the Bishop of Coimbra, Mgr. Virgílio Antunes, to Sister Lúcia Memorial and Archive



Visit of the Mayor of Coimbra, José Manuel Silva, to Sister Lúcia Memorial and Archive

With some new exhibits, the Sister Lúcia Memorial includes now also the Sister Lúcia Archive, which is currently under construction.



Visit of the Parish Council President of Coimbra, João Francisco Campos, to Sister Lúcia Memorial and Archive

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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 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 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 of February 2006.

This Bulletin is free of charge.

To whom it might be interested in helping the expenses of the Cause for the Beatification of the Servant of God Sister Lúcia, we welcome the donations to the following address:

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We give thanks for all the donations received.

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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*A little while before going to the hospital,
Jacinta told me:*

*- It will not be long now before I go to
Heaven. But you shall stay here to spread
the news that God wants to establish in
the World the devotion to the Immaculate
Heart of Mary. When that time comes, do
not hide.*

*Tell everyone that God grants us graces
through the intercession of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary; it is necessary that people
ask her for them; and that the Heart of
Jesus wants, at His side, the Immaculate
Heart of Mary to be venerated; may they
pray for peace to the Immaculate Heart of
Mary, for God has entrusted it to Her. If I
could only put into the hearts of everyone
the fire that is burning within my own
chest and impelling me to love the Hearts
of Jesus and Mary so dearly.*

(Memórias da Irmã Lúcia I, 10ª Ed., 2005, p. 130).