

## BULLETIN OF THE SERVANT OF GOD MARIA DE LUCIA OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART

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Fr. Mário Rui



# 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF THE SERVANT OF GOD SISTER MARIA LÚCIA OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART

The 13th of February, another anniversary of Sister Lúcia's departure to God has passed. The Carmel of Coimbra welcomed nearly two hundred people coming from several parts of the country, who thus wished to pay tribute and pray for the Servant of God and ask for her intercession. Among them, the Vice-Postulator for the Cause of Beatification of Sister Lúcia, Sister Ângela Coelho, was present. There was also present the Confraternity of Our Lady of Carmel from Aveiro. The Eucharist was presided by the Rev. Fr. Mário Rui as well as concelebrated by five other priests, including the Rev. Fr. Carlos Cabecinhas, Rector of the Shrine of Fátima. Below, we transcribe the text of the homily delivered on that day:

We celebrate the Holy Mass in thanksgiving to God for the life and work of Sister Maria Lúcia of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart, in the 18th anniversary of her passage from this life to the eternal beatitude.

Through the life of the little shepherds, Saints Francisco and Jacinta Marto, and the Servant of God Lúcia of Jesus, the Mother of God made humankind a very powerful invitation to conversion, penance and prayer. Whoever listens to the calling made by the "Lady brighter than the sun" is able to transform the heart, and such receiving can change the course of history and the destiny of the world.

Our Lady's call always echoes newly in the heart of the believer. In this Mass of thanksgiving, we are invited to renew the opening of our hearts to God who is Love, to have full confidence in Him, and to make our own the prayer that has fulfilled the life of the little shepherds: "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You". This is the first and the greatest priority that should guide our life: standing with arms raised to God in prayer, welcoming Him into the depths of our hearts, and witnessing to Him in the concrete reality of life.

If Mary's calling to prayer was not sufficiently listened to in the past, nor it was opportunely received, that invitation continues to resound in our ears today, asking us to not cease praying the rosary, centring us in the contemplation of the Gospel in communion with the Mother of God and our mother, who "kept all these things to herself, holding them dear, deep within herself".

With the docile heart of the little shepherds, let us practice in our life the invitation that Our Lady addressed them: «Are you willing to offer yourselves to God to 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?»

This is an invitation to penance and conver-



sion which is also addressed to us, demanding a serious purpose of change. But one of our difficulties is that we already consider ourselves good people. Nonetheless, a great saint reminds us: "If you cease being better, you cease being good". Saints feel and know that they are sinners, experiencing this in their lives, not by an exercise of humility, but rather for the sake of exigence. Between the life of a sinner and becoming completely possessed by the grace of God there are thousands degrees of exigence.

It is necessary and urgent to return to the path illuminated by the light of God, so let us dare always to look for the direction towards heaven, living in harmony with His will.

Let us look at the little shepherds and ask for their intercession, not forgetting that the saints are in the firmament of God, and that are lights that illuminate our journey. The lives of Saint Francisco, Saint Jacinta Marto and the Servant of God Lúcia of Jesus show us that the correspondance to God's love is not only possible, but it actually fulfils the whole life of those who live like this. This is what happened with the little shepherds, and this is what shall happen with so many others who walk the ways of holiness.

We are celebrating the passage of the Servant of God Sister Maria Lúcia of Jesus in this place, which was her home, and in which she





lived her vocation for 57 years: the Carmel of Saint Teresa of Coimbra. It was in a humble life of silence, recollection, prayer and work, in a hidden and cloistered life, that the Servant of God, as all the Discalced Carmelites, tells the world what Saint Teresa said: “God alone is enough”.

In humbleness, the sisters live from their work, once that when not in prayer they dedicate their time to work, with which they praise God, sanctifying themselves, and helping the world through prayer. In their cloistered life, they live the vocation to which the Lord has called them, as Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus taught: “My vocation is Love! I

understood that love comprises all Vocations, that love is everything, embracing all times and places... in one word, it is Eternal!”.

This is what the Servant of God Lúcia of Jesus particularly lived. Mary totally impregnated her life. This is what happens with every single Carmelite vocation, whose Marian seal confers a particular orientation to contemplation and fraternal communion, evangelical abnegation and apostolic spirit.

The consecrated life is expressed in the counsels of perfect chastity, poverty and obedience. The evangelical counsels are a gift of God that the Church has received from Her Lord, and who, with His grace, always preserves. One lives Poverty to find true wealth, and by sharing it, enriching the others; one lives Chastity to make possible a love more immediate to God and more universal to all; one lives Obedience to live with more freedom, giving it, in the life of faith.

In the Carmel, consecrated life is oriented to perfection and holiness, and everything converges this purpose: the vows, the rule, the practices of piety, mortification... are adequate means lived and offered in the Church. Living the vocation to the Carmel does not consist in the satisfaction of feeling holy, but rather knowing oneself to be in the pursuit



of holiness, doing everything with generous eagerness and with a flaming heart, only with the aim of pleasing God and making shine forth the example and beauty of a life inspired by the Gospel.

The religious state which the Servant of God Lúcia de Jesus lived is a sign, an eschatological anticipation of the heavenly future, a sign of the Absolute, a sign of a greater emotional, evangelical and apostolic availability.

A great saint affirms that the religious state is a discipline and an exercise, i.e., an effort to achieve perfection and holiness. Because holiness is the dwelling place of God in us. Therefore, it is also addressed to all.

Holiness is the will to go further, not wasting the graces that Jesus gives us to help reaching the distance to which we are called. And in this journey, at odds with our judging hesitation, everything happens quietly, without alarms or pulls.

Holiness is fulfilled in what God tells us to do, in simple and everyday things, often practised in silence and distant from what



others might see. But we must not feel surprised, for holiness itself is identified and received by God alone.

God is not satisfied with a Christian life lived partially. God wants us to live life fully, without wasting the graces which He abundantly grants us: “Be holy, because I am holy”.



# 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENTERING OF SISTER LÚCIA IN THE CARMELO OF ST TERESA IN COIMBRA

The 25th of March was the anniversary of the entering of Servant of God Sister Lúcia in the Carmel of St Teresa in Coimbra. Actually, she longed for and waited for that very dearly. The following month, on the 10th of April 1948, she wrote a letter to the Holy Father, the Pope Pius XII, confiding the great joy she was experiencing:

“Through the merciful grace of the Good Lord, I find myself very well and happy, more protected from the curious sights of the world.

In this convent, I found a group of enchanting souls, who, with unspeakable joy, immolate themselves for the sake of the love of the Good God.”<sup>1</sup>

Hereafter, we transcribe a page from her journal, in which Sister Lúcia gives her own account of that day, as well as of the emotions experienced:

“Accompanied by Mother Brito, I arrived at the Carmelo a few minutes before 5.30 am, and I knelt down in the pews of the Church facing the Blessed Sacrament. Shortly afterwards, the Canon Rocha appeared to give me his blessing. He then led us to the gate, and the door was opened. I hugged Mother Brito and entered, just like the Israelites, very early before the sunrise to gather manna in the desert.



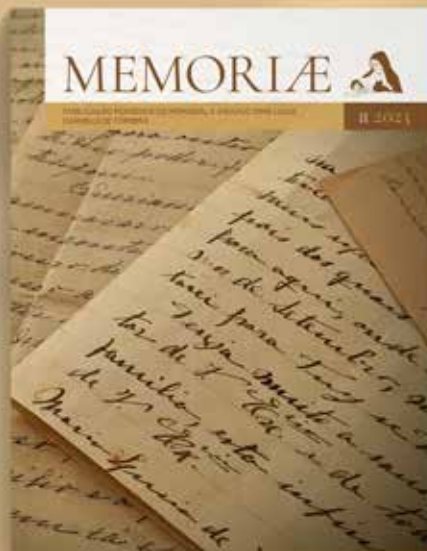
In front of the regular door was the community in absolute silence, and they all embraced me with a gentle smile. From there we headed for the Choir, where I have already taken part in the important ceremony of the merits offering to the new professing sister. After that, I attended the profession ceremony. In the Carmel, the day of Holy Thursday is celebrated with great solemnity, as well as all the Holy Week, but especially the last three days. The most enchanting thing is the rigorous silence, and all the liturgical celebrations, the Divine Office's songs, the hours of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, on that admirable day when Love overflowed from His Sacred Heart to the Humankind. How sweet is it, particularly during these days, the solitude, recollection, and silence at the before the Tabernacle! An admirable mystery, before which all the sufferings, all the sorrows, all the bitterness are forgotten, because there is nothing compared to the sorrows and pains of our God! What I deeply wanted then was to be able to take upon myself a part of those sufferings, to live them for Him, so He would not suffer so much for me. Oh! I love You, my Jesus!<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Biografia da Irmã Lúcia de Jesus e do Coração Imaculado. Um Caminho sob o olhar de Maria, Carmelo de Coimbra, Edições Carmelo, 2ª Edição.*

<sup>2</sup> *O Meu Caminho, Vol. I, pp. 264 e 265 (mss. inédito) in Biografia da Irmã Lúcia de Jesus e do Coração Imaculado. Um Caminho sob o olhar de Maria, Carmelo de Coimbra, Edições Carmelo, 2ª Edição.*



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# GRACES



**M**y humble gratitude to God and to the intercession of Sister Lúcia for granting me the job I have been looking for in the last two years. The job is not only good in terms of salary, but it is also in my field of training. Thank you, Jesus, and thank you, Sister Lúcia.

*Anthony, Kuwait*

**D**uring the month of October, I found on the Internet the Bulletin of the Servant of God Sister Lúcia, and the prayer for her Beatification. I began to pray intensely with all my heart for a friend and neighbour, so he could find a job, because he has a family with two children, one of whom with special care needs. After a while, precisely on the 12th of October, he received a job proposal, and fifteen days after he was contacted for an interview. I linked this event to the intercession of Sister Lúcia, for a hope and a light has been kindled for us. We continued to pray intensely to Sister Lúcia, so she might obtain this grace for us. On the 13th of November he was hired for a period of experience in the new job. Later, on the 9th of January, he signed the work contract. His family is very happy. We are very much thankful to Sister Lúcia, for her intercession before God, and so we leave this testimony here.

*Silvana, Italy*

**I** thank Sister Lúcia for her intercession for the recovery of my sister's knee. It is now better and she can walk normally. Thank you!

*Beatrice, Italy*

**I** hereby give thanks to Sister Lúcia for the grace she has granted me. My daughter-in-law wished very much to have a child, but she was trying and failing to get pregnant for the last five years. On a certain day, she watched on the television (RTP) a message from the Carmel of Coimbra, saying that many women who could not get pregnant asked for Sister Lúcia's intercession. She was filled with the hope of obtaining this grace too. Then I began to pray to Sister Lúcia for my daughter-in-law. She is now five months pregnant, and we learned that it is going to be a girl. Thank you, Sister Lúcia!

*Clarinda, Venezuela*

**I** had a bank debt, with nothing to pay and unemployed. Suffering pressure from the bank, and knowing that I would lose my house, I prayed to Sister Lúcia asking for a miracle. I prayed Sister Lúcia's prayer, which is in a prayer card with her picture, belonging to my wife. I got astonished when my mother told me she was willing to go with me to pay all my debt, leaving some money in the account for further spendings. I link this grace to the intercession of Sister Lúcia and I ask for her Beatification.

*Rubens, Brazil*

**I** am a mother who prayed to God, through the intercession of Sister Lúcia, so my daughter could find a job and the miracle was granted. I thank God as well as the intercession of Sister Lúcia.

*Marta, Costa Rica*





I want to communicate a grace received. I had a written assignment to do and send to approval. But the teacher was very strict, I was afraid of failing. I did the essay, and asked Sister Lúcia to intercede for me, posting a picture of her stapled to it. At the end, after nearly a month, my work was approved, enabling me to pass the course. Thank you very much, Sister Lúcia!

Sónia, Portugal

I was operated both on my feet and my right hand, and thus I asked for the intercession of Sister Lúcia so everything went well. It actually did go very well. I feel well and I had a good recovery, so that I find myself now working without any kind of problems. I give thanks to the Lord and to His Most Holy Mother who, through the intercession of their servant Sister Lúcia, listened to me very promptly.

Maria dos Anjos, Portugal

Hereby, I wish to communicate a grace obtained through the intercession of Sister Lúcia. My sister had a skin cancer (melanoma) on her left arm, and I got very sad when I learned about it. I asked with great faith for the intercession of Sister Lúcia so that God could heal my sister. Thanks to God, she is now cured. I promised to tell this grace. Thank you, Jesus,

who, through the intercession of Sister Lúcia, granted such grace.

Marister, Brazil

We knew a Franciscan priest who was in a very critical clinical state, intubated as well as in coma. I promised Sister Lúcia that if he could come through this situation in 24 hours, I would publish this grace. And so it happened. He is still in a delicate state, but he is already recovering at the Convent.

Sister Mercè, Spain

I would like to communicate a grace obtained for a friend of mine through the intercession of Sister Lúcia. She couldn't get pregnant, and the doctor told her that it would be impossible to have children. She got very sad and suffered a lot with this situation. I encouraged her to have faith, and at the same time I began to pray a novena to Sister Lúcia. I prayed one novena after another, and after five of them, she told me she was pregnant. I was very happy, because I knew that my friend has suffered greatly. I am very grateful to Sister Lúcia, because the baby was already born, and is a beautiful and healthy boy. Thank you, Sister Lúcia.

Maria Prazeres, Portugal

I come to communicate the grace received by a friend, through the intercession of Sister Lúcia made to Our Lady of Fátima, because he was suffering a major depression and is now recovered. May Sister Lúcia intercede for us in Heaven.

Maria dos Anjos, Canada

# SISTER LUCIA MEMORIAL

To make Sister Lucia's life known, especially as a Carmelite, and to exhibit some of her objects, the Carmel of Santa Teresa in Coimbra has created an exhibition space, located next to the Carmelite monastery, where unique pieces of her personal use can be seen, among which the following stand out:

*Her Carmelite cell.*

*Handicrafts made by her.*

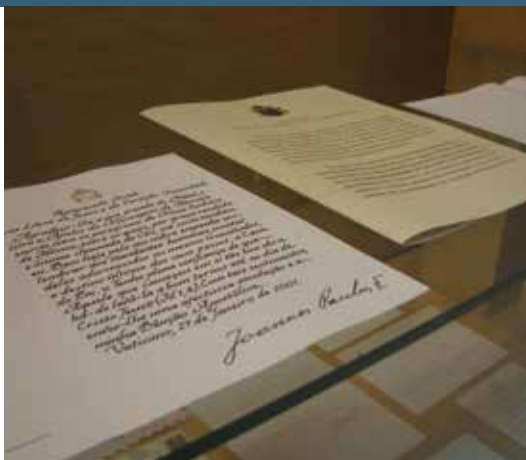
*The itinerary of her life documented in photographs.*

*Objects used by her at the time of the apparitions.*

*Objects offered to her by various Popes.*



The space also has a multimedia or conference room.



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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.

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To those who wish to contribute to the expenses of the Cause for the Beatification of the Servant of God Sister Lucia, please send your donation 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.

CAUSE FOR THE BEATIFICATION  
OF THE SERVANT OF GOD

# LÚCIA

MARIA LÚCIA OF JESUS  
AND THE IMMACULATE HEART

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It was the 13th of May 1917, at the hour of past midday, when the Heavenly Messenger, embraced by the transforming light of God, as if she was a new creature, comes down from Heaven to Earth, to bring us the Message that God had entrusted to her: visiting her own children, those who Jesus himself entrusted to her when agonizing on the Cross.

Why did God choose the 13th?

I do not know. But throughout my life, during my meditations, I have been thinking a lot about this detail, asking to myself: which meaning might have the choice of the 13th? Without knowing the answer, on a certain day I thought: Could it possibly mean the mystery of the Holy Trinity? "One only God in three distinct Persons, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit?" So I kept meditating on this idea: One only God, Three distinct Persons, Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Could it be this the meaning that God wanted to give it? I do not really know, but for me, It was like the shining of a new light.

Sister Lúcia

*(Como vejo a Mensagem através dos tempos e dos acontecimentos, pag. 28, 29)*