

Legion of Mary Miami Regia

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Pray for us who have recourse to you.

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Pope John Paul II to the Legion of Mary (Handbook #1,2 & 3 pgs 5-6)



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In his allocution Fr. Soulliere spoke about the Spiritual Reading "Pope John Paul II to the Legion of Mary" taken from the Handbook #s 1,2 & 3 Pgs 5 – 6) Fr. Soulliere said:

In his words to a delegation of Italian legionaries the pope congratulated the Legion as being a leaven in the world that would bring people to Christ in the solicitude and spirit of Mary. This pope was a firm believer in Fatima which occurred in 1916 and 1917. Both he and our present pope Benedict XVI have said that Fatima was "ongoing" (has not ended), yet many today, 95 years later, are unfamiliar with what happened at Fatima, so I would like to say a few words about it.

In 1916 an angel appeared 3 times to 3 small children at Fatima, Portugal. He taught them <u>reverence for Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.</u> Appearing with a consecrated Host and a Chalice filled with the Precious Blood of Our Lord, he told the children to kneel, then to bow down so that their foreheads touched the ground, and to pray 2 prayers:

- 1) "My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you! I ask pardon of you for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do no love you."
- 2) "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore you profoundly and I offer you the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is offended, and through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of sinners."



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We should also remember that St. Paul had said that "at the name of Jesus, every knee will bend, above the earth, on the earth and underneath the earth."

In 1917 Our Lady appeared 6 times to these same 3 small children. Her first appearance was on May 13, 1917, and her last appearance to them was on October 13, 1917. A crowd, estimated at 70,000 people were also present for her last appearance. During her 6 appearances, she asked, showed or said:

- 1) Pray the Rosary everyday.
- 2) She showed them Hell and the demons, and the souls suffering there. She said "You have seen Hell where the souls of poor sinners go, to save them God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."
- 3) She asked for the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. She said "if it is done, Russia will be converted from its errors and there will be peace. If it is not done, 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 various nations will be annihilated. In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world. In Portugal, the dogma of faith will always be preserved."
- 4) She asked for the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. She promises to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for their salvation, those souls who on the first Saturday of each month, for 5 consecutive months, will go to confession, receive Holy Communion, pray 5 decades of the Rosary, and keep Mary company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to her. It was later revealed by Our Lord that we should have the intention to make reparation to her for the 5 blasphemies against her Immaculate Heart, which are:
 - i) Against her Immaculate Conception
 - ii) Against her virginity
 - iii) Against her divine maternity(she is both the mother of God and the mother of men)
 - iv) By those who seek to foster in children indifference, hatred or contempt for her,
 - v) Those who insult her in her sacred images and statues.
- 5) On February 15, 1926, Jesus appeared to Lucia, the oldest of the 3 children. He said some people had difficulty about confessing on Saturday and asked if they could validly go within 8 days. Jesus answered "yes, and it could be longer still, provided that when they receive Me, they are in the state of grace and have the intention of making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Lucia asked about those "who forgot to make this intention?" Jesus replied "they can do so at their next confession, taking advantage of the first opportunity they have of going to confession."
- 6) Later it became known that the Holy Father and all of the bishops in the world should make the consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart. In 1917 World War I was going on. It ended in 1918. In 1939 a greater world war, World War II, broke out in Europe. The US this 1941. entered war in This war ended 1945 with the surrender of Japan. The Holy Father, Pope Pius XII on October 12, 1942 consecrated "the world" to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but Russia was not specifically mentioned. In 1984, Pope John Paul II also consecrated "the world" to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Russia was not



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specifically mentioned. Both of these consecrations were considered ineffectual by many since Russia has not yet been converted, we still have wars, and there is little peace in the world.

World War II ended after the United States dropped an atomic bomb on 2 of Japan's major cities Hiroshima and Nagasaki, each bomb demolished all building and killed all people in an area with a diameter of about 2 miles in each city, with the exception of one building in one of the two cities. This building was the residence of 6 Catholic priests. Their building and themselves miraculously survived the bombing without a scratch. It could have only been done by divine intervention. When asked later why God had allowed them and the building to survive, they attributed it to the fact that each month they practiced the "Five First Saturday" devotion that Our Lady had asked for at Fatima in 1917. After the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan immediately surrendered. During World War II I was in the U.S. Navy and four or five weeks after the surrender, I was in Japan. A group of us went ashore to view one of the bombed out cities. I don't remember which city it was, but it was complete desolation!

Another item of interest:

A short time after the World War II ended it came out in the newspapers that the Secretary of the Communist Party in the U.S.A. during the war had left the Communist Party and had embraced and was baptized into the Roman Catholic faith. She revealed that during the War Russia had planted 6,000 young Communist men in the Catholic seminaries throughout the world. Russia (communism, atheism) was going to take over the Catholic Church from within. I don't think their names were ever known, we should point out that the Communists were like the Masons, they promote from within in an effort to gain control. For example, if I am the manager of one department in a public utility, and my department is divided into 5 sections, each section having its own manager, and one manager dies and must be replaced, I am going to replace him with another communist or mason, and not select someone more qualified.

Vatican Council II ended in 1965. While it was in session you heard many expressions like "the Church is finally opening its windows to let some fresh air in!" In other words some changes are coming, yet after the council had ended, Pope Paul VI before his death declared "the smoke of Satan has entered the Church." What did he mean? I do not know, but I can point out a few changes that took place: prior to Vatican II, people came to Mass dressed in their "Sunday best." Women wore hats or some type of head covering. Upon entering the church you always blessed yourself with holy water from the font, at the door. You genuflected as you reached your pew, you knelt down, focused your attention on the tabernacle over the altar, and talked to God. You didn't talk to your neighbor. Every church had a communion rail and in receiving communion you always knelt down and received communion on the tongue. A paten was placed under your chin by an altar server to catch any particles of the host that might fall, for you were aware that every particle of a Host, no matter how small, contained the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord. If you ever watched a Pope's Mass from the Vatican on station EWTN, you see that the Popes have continued this practice. When you entered a room or a church where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed for Adoration, you always genuflected with both knees touching the floor, Priests and nuns always wore their clerical garb and habits. Some of the sisters habits, however appeared a little uncomfortable to wear, so the modified them. Only those whose hands were specifically consecrated could open a tabernacle and put their hands in. I am sure that you can think of other practices that have changed, but these are a few that come to my mind.