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In this World, Good Must be Active and Not Passive

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The proposal to introduce secular and anti-Catholic schools among the Flemish peasants was met with a protest as universal as it was vigorous. Certainly the time has not come when irreligious education may be expected to find favor in Flanders, and the Flemings understand that the root of society is the child. Their protest as here given is a literal translation of the document they drew up:

“No, they shall never gain possession of the beautiful souls of our children, so long as there is one true Fleming in Flanders; they shall not have them while God’s sun shines over our country, and there is a single coin left in our pockets.

“The school is a battlefield. They seek to snatch from the Church of God the souls of the little ones. We Flemish Catholics will never tolerate such a sacrilege. The blood of those heroes, who gave their lives in defense of the Faith, yet flows in our veins.

“We do not want Flanders to become a den of thieves; what we do want is that our children, faithful to God and to His Church, be not changed into victims for the scaffold, and into nails to fasten down the lids of our coffins.

“We are ready to die if necessary, but we never will consent to lose our Faith. Till our last breath—till we have one foot in the grave—we will continue to cry out: ‘Never shall our children go to a school in which the crucifix cannot occupy the place of honor.’” ■

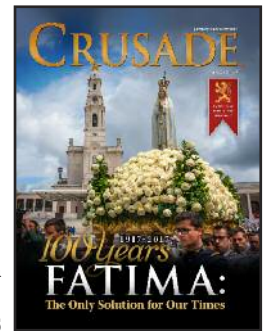


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THE AMERICAN TFP

The American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) is an organization of lay Catholic Americans concerned about the moral crisis shaking the remnants of Christian civilization. Its earliest origins date back to January 1971, when the first TFP members started to group around the publication *Crusade for a Christian Civilization*. It is a civic, cultural and nonpartisan organization which, inspired by the traditional teachings of the Supreme Magisterium of the Roman Catholic Church, works in a legal and peaceful manner in the realm of ideas to

defend and promote the principles of private ownership, family and perennial Christian values with their twofold function: individual and social. The TFP's words and efforts have always been faithfully at the service of Christian civilization. The first TFP was founded in Brazil by the famous intellectual and Catholic leader Prof. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira in 1960. His work inspired the formation of other autonomous TFP sister organizations across the globe, thus constituting the world's largest anticommunist and antisocialist network of Catholic inspiration.



IN BRIEF

Catholic Hospital Denies Surgical Procedure to “Transgender” Woman

Mercy San Juan Medical Center in Carmichael, California, cancelled a planned hysterectomy on a woman after learning that the procedure was a prerequisite to another procedure called phalloplasty (male organ construction surgery). The 35-year-old woman, who calls herself a “transgender,” has been taking male hormones and has had a double mastectomy. The hospital promptly cancelled the procedure as it goes against the facility’s established ethical and religious directives.



Texas Archbishop Condemns Ad That Claims Abortion Funding Is “Catholic Value”

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller of San Antonio, Texas, strongly condemned a full-page ad in the *San Antonio Express News*. The ad in question was put out by Catholics for Choice, a pro-abortion “Catholic” group and claimed that “public funding for abortion is a Catholic social justice value.” The archbishop said that the ad contained “inaccurate information which must be corrected, since it misrepresents the truth and what the Catholic Church believes and teaches.” He continued, “For more than 2,000 years, the Church has steadfastly proclaimed that respect for all human life at every stage is foundational to the Catholic faith” and that “abortion from the earliest tradition of the church has been considered immoral.”

Setbacks for Same-sex “Marriage” Around the Globe

As thousands march on the streets of France and Mexico against same-sex “marriage,” the European Court of Human Rights ruled that same-sex “marriages” are not considered a human right, making



it clear that homosexual partnerships do not, in fact, equal marriages between a man and a woman. In Australia, a proposed national referendum was rejected by the Labour Party, which prefers a parliamentary measure to legalize same-sex “marriage.” The conservatives oppose any parliamentary measure and want the general public to have a say. The standoff in effect puts the whole issue on hold for at least three more years until the next general election.

Islamization Drives Germans from Their Country; Another Bloody Ramadan Worldwide

According to the German publication *Die Welt*, more than 1.5 million Germans, mostly highly educated, have left Germany during the past ten years. A rise in migrant crimes, which include rape and sexual assault, coupled with increasing mass migration has accelerated the Islamization of Germany. Many Germans seem to lose hope about the future direction of their country. In the meantime, according to the Associated Press, during this year’s month of Ramadan (the Muslim holy month), attacks linked to Islamic groups killed nearly 350 people in ten countries around the world.



Boston College Gives in to Pressure from TFP Student Action Petition Drive

More than 8,000 pro-life students and parents joined TFP Student Action’s petition drive asking Boston College, a Catholic institution, to stop listing Planned Parenthood as an internship option. As a result, within 48 hours Planned Parenthood disappeared from the college’s internships page. TFP Student Action director John Ritchie thanked all those who took the time to voice their concern and stand up for the unborn and against the sin of procured abortion, saying “when we band together and stand up for the truth, our voices are strong and difficult to ignore.” He added, “Catholic universities must never favor the culture of death in any way, but rather be bold champions of virtue and staunch defenders of innocent life.”

THE DUTIES OF A CATHOLIC SON

BY FR. MARTIN J. SCOTT, S. J.



The young man who is true to his Catholic faith will be true to his parents and pleasing to God. Many young men today ignore religion. Such men go the way of their passions, which is always a selfish way.

Some young men keep late hours, spend their time with bad “friends,” spend all their salary on their own pleasures, ignore their parents and in various ways, live as if there were no Fourth Commandment. They even add to their parents’ sorrow by not going to Mass on Sunday and neglecting Holy Communion. I may say that, in many cases, it is neglect of church that has caused them to become so ungrateful.

Such sons are inviting God’s judgments upon themselves. They are the young men who become the undesirables and wrecks of society. We cannot trifle with God and His laws. In His own time and way, He will show that if we disregard His laws, He will strike us dreadfully in His justice.

I am writing very plainly on this point because I know that many young men at the present time are a scandal to Christianity by their conduct in the home. If you had seen the fathers and mothers whom I have beheld, broken-hearted on account of their wayward children, you would understand why it is that so many of the young men of our day meet with failure and ruin. They have disregarded their parents, and God has abandoned them.

God does not always chastise ungrateful and disrespectful sons in this life. But this I will say—He does not bless them, and without His blessing, a young man cannot have any real success in life. He may have a superficial prosperity, but it will never truly benefit him.

Thank God, the Catholic son who is faithful to his religion need have no fear of ever transgressing seriously in regard to his duty to his parents. The natural instinct of a son to love and honor his parents is fortified by the command of God and the example of Jesus Christ.

The Catholic son knows that, in obeying and reverencing his parents, he is performing an act of religion as well as of filial duty. He knows that every word or deed of his which tends to make his parents happy also rejoices the heart of God. That is

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why people are so frequently edified by the good Catholic son. That is why, in these days of irreligion, when so many men slight their parents or treat them disdainfully, the Catholic young man, true to his Faith, reverences father and mother.

Show me the Catholic man who does not honor his parents, and I will show you a man whose Faith is dead or dying. A Catholic cannot go to the Sacraments and continue to despise God’s ordinances in regard to his parents. I am not referring to the occasional lapses into which the best of us may fall, but of that state of habitual contempt and defiance which characterizes some sons in their treatment of father or mother.

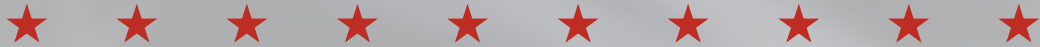
If young men understand correctly and practice their religion, they will find that their filial and every other duty will be not only tolerable but agreeable. If they have home troubles which make their position as sons difficult, their religion will show them how to meet them, bravely and cheerfully. But their religion must be real, not merely nominal. Nominal religion is as useful as an engine without fuel. ■



In obeying his parents, the true Catholic son makes himself pleasing to God.

From the book *You and Yours: Practical Talks on Home Life*, pp. 85-87.

To Make America Great, TURN BACK TO GOD



More than a White House contest between two candidates, the 2016 election was the groundswell of growing discontent over America's increasingly socialist tone.

Today, thanks be to God, the conservative vote won the White House, Senate and House, and a record number of governorships and statehouse majorities. This reality has brought relief and awakened great hopes. Above all, conservatives were buoyed by the promises of President-elect Donald Trump who assured them they would not be forgotten and that they would have a voice. Now is the time to fulfill these promises. American conservative voters must not be betrayed.

Joining with many organizations in the conservative movement, and acting as the voice for moral values of its 200,000 campaign members nationwide, the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family, and Property—TFP expresses its hopes here and lists its demands for what must be done to right the course of the American nation.

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What moved America's forgotten voters on November 8th was a shattered order that has affected all aspects of life. As was repeated during the election cycle, the whole system is broken, its liberal and permissive vision for society has failed and voters are desperately looking for solutions.

Burdened by overregulation and social breakdown, the American model that worked for so long no longer functions. Indeed, the system even works against the interests of citizens. It no longer fuels dreams but rather sows uncertainties and nightmares, bringing stress, anxiety and depression.

Components of a Return to Order

That is why the solution to the present crisis must involve a return to order that addresses the whole picture of what has gone wrong in America, not just pieces of the puzzle. It must above all address the forgotten moral issues that are commonly left behind by politicians.

All too often, conservatives have fought tooth and nail against that which they do not want to see implemented in the country—abortion, socialism, transgenderism, social engineering in the military. This election victory provides the opportunity to outline the kind of order they do want for America.

Thus, any proposal for a return to order must include the following three points:

1. It must be a moral order in which leaders fearlessly do everything possible to advance the cause of life, the traditional family and Christian morals. If the nation is to prosper, it needs to return to that moral code based on the Ten Commandments and natural law that made America great. People must no longer be afraid to affirm this and stand up to a politically correct culture that claims there is no right and wrong by blurring all definitions. Without this essential component, America will not recover.

Indeed, any attempt to stimulate the economy without this return to morality will fail, since an economic system cannot thrive without the firm foundation of a work ethic, honesty and trust. A culture that knows no moral restraint and is obsessed by the frenetic intemperance of instant gratification will always be unbalanced and must ultimately fail. A nation that continues on the path of moral destruction can expect nothing but disaster.



2. It must be an anti-socialist order based on free enterprise. America must be freed from the burden of onerous regulations, massive one-size-fits-all government programs and high taxes. It is time to find organic solutions based on the ingenuity of the American people, their love of ordered liberty and their practical sense to get things done well. It is time for leaders at all levels of society to step up to the plate with creative solutions that eschew intrusive government. As long as America is suffocating under the yoke of socialist tyranny, there will be no return to order.

3. It must be an order that enthrones God once again. America has always been a nation that trusted in Divine Providence. However, that trust is now waning. But if we are not on God's side, how can we expect Him to be on our side?

Enthroning God Once Again

The forgotten conservatives who worked so hard for this victory want a return to order that will make America great. More importantly, they want to build that moral America that God will bless.

It makes no sense that a nation built on Christian principles and one that defeated atheist Nazism and Communism finds itself in a situation where Ten Commandments monuments, crosses, nativity scenes and Christmas carols are targeted by secular rage.

For too long, political correctness has held sway, banishing God from His rightful place in society, and now, in some instances, replacing Him with the public worship of Satan. Americans from all walks of life must have the courage to exercise their right to honor God in the public square. They must not be afraid to call upon God's blessing and implore His aid in these difficult times. They must keep and respect His law by living lives of virtue and charity. If she is to prosper and be great, America must enthrone God again.

Wholesale Change

We must now adopt a program of wholesale change by immediate and urgent executive, legislative and judicial actions to right the nation's course. The work to be done encompasses change not just in government, but at the very core of our culture. And more than just our elected officials keeping their promises, the task involves everyone in the conservative movement: clergy, individuals, families, grassroots organizations, think tanks and academia. To effect this needed change, the mindsets of many Americans must change. The labor is monumental and calls for a willingness to fight for

America greater than the dogged opposition of those whose liberal agenda has brought the country to the verge of ruin.

Fighting for Life

Among America's forgotten voters are those who fight for the most vulnerable—the unborn—demanding for them the fundamental right to life.

Now is the time to bleach out the stain on America's honor, its great sin against God: *Roe v. Wade*.

These forgotten voters expect President-elect Trump to nominate, and the Republican majority in the Senate to confirm, unquestionably pro-life judges for the U.S. Supreme Court and all federal



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America is a Christian nation and thus, it should be considered normal to hang crucifixes in our hospitals, schools and post offices. *Pictured: Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, Penn.*

courts. These judges must subscribe to our Common Law legal tradition of a higher law (divine and natural law) that should inform the laws of the land. They should interpret the Constitution to mean what was written and intended by our Founding Fathers, putting an end to the judicial activism of the past decades.

They expect federal and state governments to defund Planned Parenthood.

The forgotten pro-life voter not only expects life for the unborn, but protection against euthanasia and assisted suicide that ravage the moral landscape and threaten society's most vulnerable.

Fighting for the American Family

America's forgotten voters also include those who defend the sacred institutions of marriage and the family.

Now is the time to overturn that second immense sin against God: *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

Together with getting marriage right again, America's forgotten pro-family voters expect a Trump Administration to overturn Obama's tyranny that forced homosexual and transgender policies on federal workers and contractors, the military and, above all, the nation's schools.

America's forgotten pro-family voters expect the prompt burial of Common Core, No Child Left Behind, Every Child Succeeds and a whole slew of other socialist chokeholds on the wholesome and solid education of America's children.

All these things are tearing America and its families apart. Now is the time to set them right. Without strong families, America can never be great.

Fighting for an Anti-Socialist America

The nation's forgotten voters reject and demand the immediate repeal of a massive tide of socialist regulation, legislation and entitlements that inhibit the nation's economic development and suffocate their efforts to prosper.

They have two sets of demands from the nation's political leadership.

First, they demand the quick repeal of Obamacare, Dodd-Frank, the Death Tax and the thousands of socialist regulations and executive decisions that are crippling and stifling America's economy. This will liberate the nation's potential, create jobs and stabilize the economy.

Second, they demand the downsizing of government to its legitimate and constitutional limits. Not just the federal, but bloated and top-heavy state, county and municipal government as well.

Between killing the socialist regulatory behemoth and downsizing government, the economy will be stimulated, while government spending and debt will be reduced to manageable levels.

Fighting for America's Military and Law Enforcement

America's forgotten voters demand the repeal of the sequester in our defense budget, and the homosexual, transgender and women-in-combat policies Obama imposed on our Armed Forces.

They demand a strong military and an Administration that backs it up in its role of defending the nation from all threats. These include a resurgent Russia and China, and Islamists who are pledged to destroy America and Western Christian civilization.

They are alarmed by the murder of our police officers and the anarchy now surfacing all over the country. They long for a return to the rule of law and a culture in which law and order are cherished and enforced.

Fighting for Sovereignty and a Pro-America Foreign Policy

Respect for borders is to a nation what respect for ownership and private property is to a family.

America's forgotten voters demand this respect for borders and an end to sanctuary cities' anarchical mocking of our immigration laws. They demand an end to the travesty of elections in which non-US citizens vote.

They demand a full reversal of Obama's disastrous foreign policy including his Iran deal; the normalization of relations with Castro's Marxist Cuba (the island prison); and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

They demand that America immediately reassure its traditional allies that the nation will always be true to its pledged word of honor and stands ready to defend them in the event of hostilities.

They warn against a misguided and baseless trust in and cooperation with a resurgent nationalist Russia and a faithless communist China. And they urge cautious and prudent measures to forestall the danger from a rising authoritarianism, as seen recently in Islamist Turkey.

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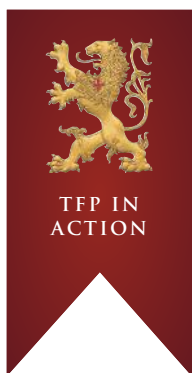
These are the demands of millions of forgotten American voters on the cusp of the new Trump Administration and the TFP joins its voice to theirs.

May God grant wisdom, prudence, temperance, justice and fortitude to President-elect Trump and all our elected leaders.

And may the Blessed Mother protect and favor all Ten Commandments Americans who toil in the gigantic rebuilding that must be carried out, the rewarding labor of making America "one nation under God." ■

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Battle to Keep Satan Out of Our Schools

BY WILLIAM SIEBENMORGEN

Portland, Ore.—At noon on October 19, 2016, concerned parents and local residents took a public stand in the form of a rosary rally against the opening of an After School Satan Club at the Sacramento Elementary School.

On the sidewalk in front of the school, over 120 people prayed and asked God and the Blessed Mother to stop Satanism from entering our schools and from tarnishing the innocence of our children.

The initial prayer vigil was organized by rosary rally captains and members of America Needs Fatima. There was also a strong presence of the Catholic Vietnamese Community. The local chapter of the Knights of Columbus and three Roman Catholic priests were also present.

The Satanic Temple decided to postpone its event until November, initially refusing to disclose a specific date.

Then the inevitable ensued; on November 8th, the Satanic Temple announced its intention to launch its Satan Club on November 16th.

Never ones to back down from defending the innocence of children and the



On October 19th, more than 120 people protested outside Sacramento Elementary School in Portland, Ore. These faithful Catholics insisted the administration reject Satan and protect our children.

rights of God in the public square, members of America Needs Fatima traveled the 2,794 miles from their headquarters in Spring Grove, Pa., to Portland, Ore., to do a second rosary rally with the concerned citizens of the school district.

Sacramento Elementary School is just one of the nine schools nationwide at which the Satanic Temple is trying to open Satan Clubs.

Thankfully, there is a growing wave of opposition to these clubs. There is strong pushback. The rallies and prayer vigils in front of the Sacramento Ele-



mentary School are a good example of this reaction.

As the Psalms exclaim: "You that love the Lord, hate evil." (Psalm 96:10)

To love God is to hate Satan. Just as Our Lord drove the moneylenders out of His Temple, so must we keep Satanists out of our schools. ■

Second protest in front of Sacramento Elementary on November 16th. With the media present, reports and video clips were circulating within the hour.

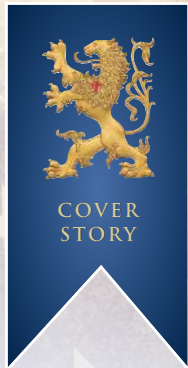




100 Years 1917-2017 FATIMA: The Only Solution for Our Times



BY LUIZ SOLIMEO



In 2017, we are commemorating the centennial of the Fatima apparitions; however, commemorating a historical fact is not merely recalling it as one would a history lesson. It is the festive remembrance and praise of something deemed worthy of admiration and, above all, devotion.

The apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima were one of the most extraordinary interventions of God in history, both because the Mother of God brought the message, and because she confirmed it with a great miracle. Prof. Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira, a great devotee and apostle of the devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, affirms:

“Fatima is a new milestone in the history of the Church. It is the true dawn of a New Era. A dawn whose first light did not rise from battlefields nor from the pages of authors, but appeared when Our Lady descended upon the earth and communicated to the three children the harsh lessons about the twilight of our days, and revealed the hopeful words about the joyful days that Divine Mercy has in store for mankind when it finally repents.”¹

The Era of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary permeates the whole story and message of Fatima. And one may well say that it is the very essence of the message as well as the solution presented to address the problems of today.

Our Lord Wants Devotion to the Immaculate Heart

In 1916, the Angel² who came to prepare the three shepherd children for the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin said to them, “The Hearts of Jesus and Mary are attentive to the voice of your supplications.”³

In another apparition the angel repeats the message: “Pray, pray a great deal. The Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary have merciful designs for you.”⁴

Then the Mother of God herself, in the second

apparition, tells Lúcia:

“Jesus wants to use you to make me known and loved. He wants to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world. To those who embrace it I promise salvation, and those souls will be beloved by God like flowers placed by me to adorn His Throne.”⁵

Upon learning that she was going to be alone on earth after the death of her cousins, Lúcia became distressed and Our Lady consoled her by saying: “I will never forsake you. My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.”⁶

In sum, Our Lord wants to establish devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the world. Her Immaculate Heart is the refuge of suffering souls and the path that leads to heaven.

Devotion of Reparation

Due reparation for the continuous offenses perpetrated against the Immaculate Heart today is the essence of this devotion. Soon after Our Lady appeared to the children, the seers describe what they saw within the bright light that appeared: “In front of the palm of Our Lady’s right hand was a heart surrounded with thorns that appeared to be piercing it. We understood it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, insulted by the sins of humanity, which wanted reparation.”⁷

Our Lady gave her message on July 13th, during the third and most important apparition. She insisted on the reparative aspect of the devotion: “Sacrifice yourselves for sinners and say many times, especially when you make some sacrifice, ‘O Jesus, it is for Thy love, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.’”⁸

A Remedy to Save Souls and the World

After showing hell to the little shepherds, Our Lady

told the seers that in order to save sinners, “God wants to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart in the world.” The spreading of this devotion would have abbreviated the First World War which was at the time in full rage; it would have avoided the Second World War, the expansion of Communism and would have converted Russia after consecrating it to Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart.

This is Specifically a Penitential Devotion

After the apparitions, Lúcia went to visit Jacinta, who was already nearing her premature death. Jacinta told Lúcia that she “should suffer for the conversion of sinners in reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the love of Jesus.”⁹

In 1921, sometime after the death of her cousins, Lúcia moved to the Vilar School in Porto, where she continued her studies in the institution of the Sisters of Saint Dorothy. In 1925, she joined that congregation and became a postulant in Pontevedra, Spain. It was then that she was tasked, in a vision, with asking for the reparative devotion of the First Saturdays.

Out of humility her narration is in the third person. She says:

“On December 10, 1925, the Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Lúcia and beside her was a Boy suspended on a luminous cloud. The Blessed Mother rested her hand on Lúcia’s shoulder and at the same time, she held a heart surrounded with thorns in her other hand.

“At the same time, the Boy said, ‘Have pity on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother which is cov-

ered with thorns, which ungrateful men pierce at every moment with no one to make an act of reparation to remove them.’

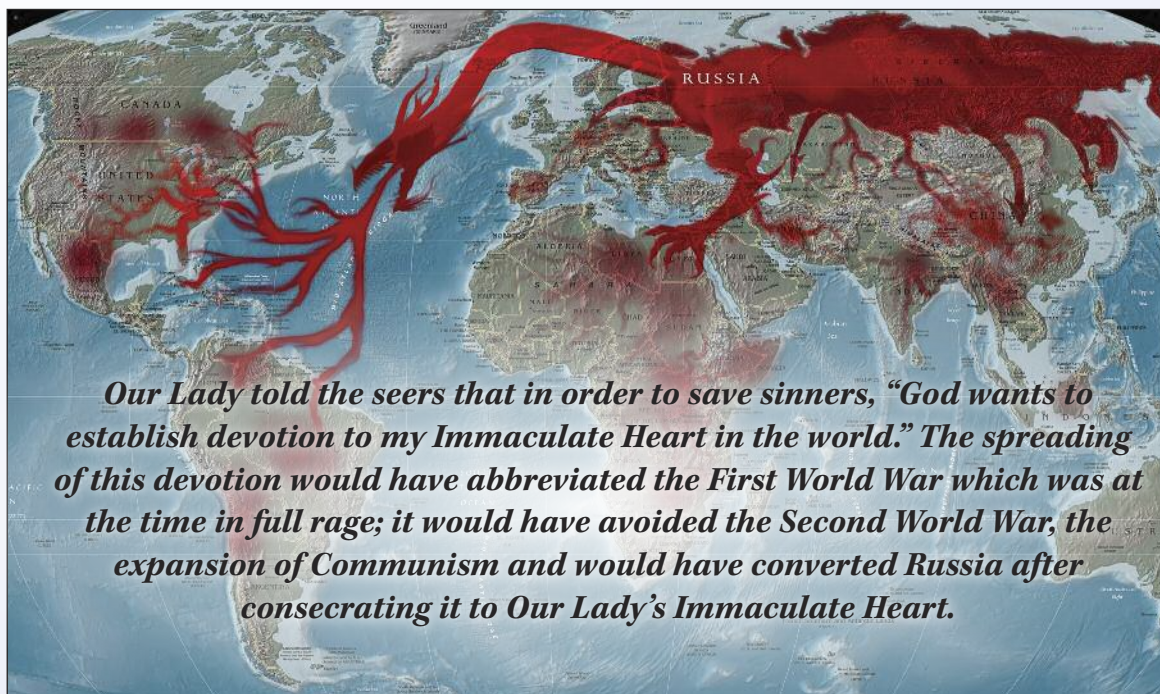
“Then, the Virgin said, ‘See, my daughter, my Heart is surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful people pierce me at every moment through blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, make sure to console me and say that all those who for five months, on the first Saturday, go to Confession, receive Communion, say five decades of the Rosary and keep me company for fifteen minutes meditating upon the mysteries of the Rosary with the purpose of making reparation to me, I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls.’”¹⁰

The Five Offenses Committed Against the Immaculate Heart

In a letter to her confessor dated June 12, 1930, Lúcia answered his questions on the First Saturdays devotion, and in particular, “Why does it have to be five Saturdays, and not nine or seven in honor of the sorrows of Our Lady?” Sister Lúcia explained:

“While staying in the chapel with Our Lord part of the night of 29th to the 30th of the month of May 1930, and speaking to Our Lord, I suddenly felt more intimately possessed by the Divine Presence; and if I am not mistaken, the following was revealed to me, ‘My daughter, the reason is simple. There are five types of offenses and blasphemies perpetrated against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- 1) Blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception;
- 2) Against her virginity;
- 3) Against her divine maternity and at the same



time refusing to accept her as the Mother of men;

4) Those who publicly try to instill indifference, scorn and even hatred toward this Immaculate Mother in the hearts of children; and

5) Those who insult her directly in her sacred images.”¹¹

Just as devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is essential, for it highlights the redeeming love of the Word Incarnate, so also is devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, since it emphasizes the co-redeeming love of the Mother of God.

In the words of Fr. Joaquin Maria Alonso, CME,

“All devotions to Mary are partial manifestations of a single substratum, which is Mary’s personal love to God and men, and devotion to the Heart of Mary directly posits that personal underpinning of love. When this devotion is earnest and lived intensely, it informs all other devotions penetrating them with its strong and rich sap.”¹²

A Tender Heart, Full of Compassion

Unlike the Heart of Jesus, the Heart of Mary does not participate in the hypostatic union because she has a purely human heart. However, it is the heart of the most perfect of creatures; one who took the love of God to the highest possible point and was most united to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a maternal and filial intimacy. This intimacy began with the Incarnation of the Word in her most pure womb, and culminated with her final offering on Calvary where she offered her Son for our salvation.

Fr. José Maria Canal explains, by the Heart of Mary “we understand her intimacy, maternal feelings, mercy and tenderness toward sinners.”¹³ For Pope Pius XII it is “a symbol of all interior life, whose moral perfection, merits and virtues are be-

yond all human comprehension!”¹⁴

Pius XII also emphasizes this maternal Heart’s compassion: “The Most Pure Heart of the Virgin is the seat of that love, compassion and all most lofty affections that participated intimately in our redemption, especially when She stood vigilantly next to the Cross (cf. John 19:25).”¹⁵

We can now readily see how devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is a very special kind of veneration, service and imitation of her virtues.

The basis for this devotion should be unlimited confidence in the goodness and mercy of Our Lady’s Maternal Heart, for confidence is a condition for the practice of any virtue in which devotion participates.¹⁶

Confidence

Confidence also draws us closer to Our Lady because it diminishes if not eliminates, as it were, the distance between our littleness and misery, and the ineffable perfection of the Queen of Heaven. A child relies on his mother even when she is clothed in all the glory of power, as in the case of a queen or empress. In fact, the smaller and weaker a child is, the more helpless he is and the more he depends on, and feels supported by, his mother.

Upon accepting to become the Mother of God, Our Lady agreed to be our spiritual mother, and the perfect love she has for Her Son the Redeemer was joined with His love when He offered His life for us.

So devotion to the Immaculate Heart is a devotion to Mary Most Holy that takes into account this special love she has for us. In this devotion, we love “the mother of love, of holy hope and knowledge.”¹⁷

Fr. Ludger Brien, SJ, writes:

“The Heart of Mary is a *virgin Heart*: Faithful to the divine love that first conquered it and desiring no other love.

The Heart of Mary is a *Mother’s Heart*: Always accessible, capable of all forgiveness, continuously attentive to our needs, present wherever there is sorrow to console or a smile to give.

The Heart of Mary is a *Queen’s Heart*: As rich as it is good, as powerful as it is sweet; it can give us or obtain for us, everything.”¹⁸

An Invocation for a Change of Life

On our own, we are unable to make necessary changes in the face of today’s widespread evil. However, supported by this Sovereign Queen, and drawing all the strength we need from her Immaculate Heart, we can correct our faults and practice these virtues.

Fr. Brien continues:

“Most pure, holy and Immaculate; these are the best-known adjectives that describe Our



Loca do Cabeço, the place where the Angel of Portugal appeared to Lúcia, Francisco and Jacinta. In Lúcia’s words, “The supernatural atmosphere that enveloped us was so intense that we were almost unaware of our own existence. For a long time, we remained in the same position repeating the same prayer. The presence of God was so intense and intimate that we dared not speak to each other.”

Lady. At Fatima, She chose the latter as the one best suited to Her Heart and the one that more fully corresponds to our needs. Indeed, the powerfully purifying Immaculate Heart of Mary could wash a thousand worlds of their worst filth; at the same time beautiful and attractive, it can raise thousands of virgins where evil dominates. Thus, heeding the message from Heaven given at Fatima, the Church designated it as the only sovereign hope and the universal salvation for our troubled and soiled times.”¹⁹

We Must Imitate Her Example

In the words of Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira,

“Only with Our Lady’s help can we imitate her example, and devotion to Our Lady can only be acquired with her help. Now then, what better devotion to Mary Most Holy could we ask for than the love of God and hatred of the devil; that holy integrity in loving good and hating evil, that holy intransigence that shines so brilliantly in her Immaculate Conception?”²⁰

We Must Fight for Our Lady

Thanks to the feudal mentality, the beautiful expression of “*Our Lady*” appeared. It became common especially because of the cathedral of *Notre Dame* in Paris, France. But it also spread to other countries, in the form of *Madonna*, *Mia Donna*, in Italy; *Our Lady*, in England; *Nuestra Señora*, in Spain and *Nossa Senhora* in Portugal. Part of this feudal mentality was the understanding that a knight should serve his lady and defend her honor.

Shouldn’t we do the same today? If we are devoted to the Immaculate Heart, shouldn’t we defend Our Lady’s honor when she is insulted and offended in blasphemous art exhibits, movies, plays, shows and novels? If devotion entails service, as we just described, isn’t this the first service we should render to Our Lady? To stand up for her and publicly express our protest, outrage and indignation when she is the target of depraved and sacrilegious mockery?

We Must do Apostolate for Our Lady

As we outlined earlier, the essence of devotion is love and love is effusive; it is expansive. If we are devoted to the Immaculate Heart, shouldn’t our love lead us to do everything we can to bring others to love her too? Shouldn’t we explain this devotion to those who don’t know it? Shouldn’t we do things that bring public honor to the Immaculate Heart? Shouldn’t we shape the world and society so that it is to the “image and likeness”²¹ of the Immaculate Heart? And by doing this, we labor to bring about the fulfillment of Our Lord’s Prayer “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”²²

Victory in the Humble Heart of Mary

The Sacred Heart of Jesus can be defined by the words of the Divine Redeemer: “I am meek and humble of heart.”²³ His is a humble Heart, entirely submissive to the will of the Eternal Father.

The same can be said of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as it is Her Wise and Immaculate heartbeat that is in unison with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Immaculate Heart of Mary is “meek and humble,” and entirely submissive to the will of Her Divine Son.

Saints and Fathers of the Church say that it was this humility that attracted the Word of God to the purest bosom of the Virgin resulting in the Incarnation.

Saint Augustine sums up this thought with a beautiful formula:

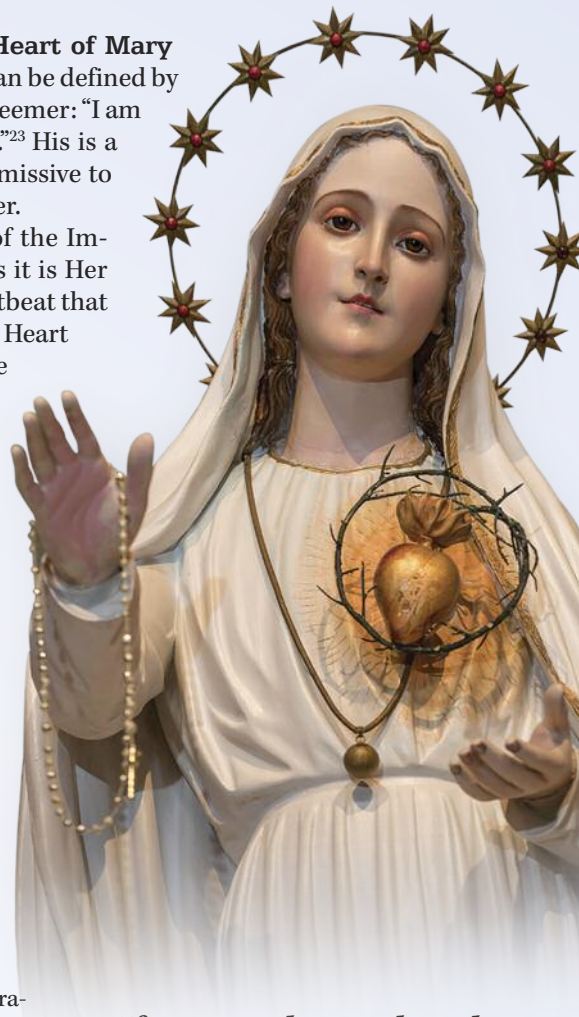
“O truly blessed humility of Mary, who brought forth the Lord to men, gave life to mortals, renewed the heavens, purified the world, opened paradise and delivered the souls of men from hell.”²⁴

Likewise, Saint Alphonsus de Liguori, commenting on the Virgin’s reply to the angel as he proposed that she become the Mother of God, writes:

“Oh powerful answer, which gave joy in heaven and poured upon the earth a vast flood of graces and blessings! An answer that hardly came forth from the humble heart of Mary before it drew from the bosom of the Eternal Father, the only-begotten Son, to become man in her most pure womb! Yes, for hardly had she uttered these words: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to Thy word; when immediately the Word was made flesh: ‘*Verbum caro factum est*,’ the Son of God became also the Son of Mary.”²⁵

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Most Pure and Humble

The humility of Our Lady’s heart is a reflection of



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her immaculate purity. Having been conceived without original sin and received all the graces that a creature could receive and that pertain to the dignity of the Mother of God, not only was she free from sin but even from the tendency to sin resulting from the original fall.²⁶

The Church applies to her the words from the Canticle of Canticles: “You are beautiful, my beloved, and there is no blemish in you.”²⁷

Saint Ephrem the Syrian (306-373) is at a loss for words to express the unfathomable purity of the Virgin of Virgins:

“Most holy Lady, Mother of God, alone most pure in soul and body, alone exceeding all perfection of purity... alone made in Thy entirety the home of all the graces of the Most Holy Spirit, and hence exceeding beyond all compare even the angelic virtues in purity and sanctity of soul and

body.... My Lady most holy, all-pure, all-immaculate, all-stainless, all-undefiled, all-incorrupt, all-in-violate spotless robe of Him Who clothes Himself with light as with a garment... flower unfading, purple woven by God, alone most immaculate.”²⁸

As Saint Alphonsus de Liguori states in his *Glories of Mary*, many saints, including Saint Jerome and Saint Thomas Aquinas, believed that the extraordinary beauty of Mary Most Holy, rather than exciting concupiscence in those who admire her, leads to chastity instead.²⁹

A Devotion Especially Suited to Our Times

From these considerations, we see that at Fatima Our Lady could not have provided a more appropriate devotion for our times than to her Immaculate Heart.

We will end with inspirational words of confidence from Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira:

“As Catholics, we must face the struggles common to all mortals in this life, and in addition to these, there are some that arise from the service of God. Even though the horizons seem about to unleash a deluge of new battles, and every path appears to close before us while the abyss before our eyes opens and the earth itself shakes beneath our feet, we cannot lose confidence!

“Our Lady will overcome every obstacle that is greater than our strength if we are faithful in maintaining this confidence in our hearts, victory will be ours and the wickedness and wiles of our enemies will be to no avail: We will walk on the heads of serpents and demonic monsters and we will smash lions and dragons under our feet.” ■



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

PROGRESS REPORT

2016—10th Anniversary of the Public Square Rosary Rally Crusade 16,323 ROSARY RALLIES

On October 15, 2016, more than 16,000 groups of faithful Catholics led by their Rosary Rally Captains prayed the Rosary as requested by Our Lady of Fatima 99 years ago.

This year was very special as we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Public Square Rosary Rally Crusade for America.

As many sectors of our modern society move away from God and His Divine law by promoting sin instead of virtue, evil in the place of good, Catholics around America and the world gathered in a variety of public places. They came together to pray the Rosary, the main prayer Our Lady of Fatima gave us to obtain the conversion of the world.

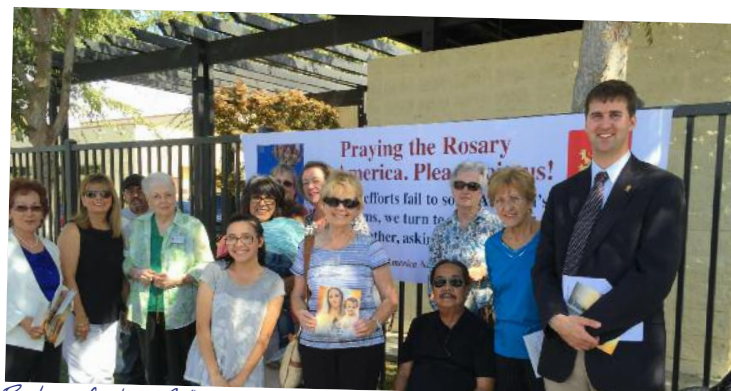
For the past ten years, America Needs Fatima has promoted, with growing numbers, the Rosary Crusade on the Saturday closest to the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, the sixth and last apparition at Fatima, on October 13, 1917.

As a result, we would like to share with you photos of various Rosary Rallies throughout our vast nation, as well as commentaries and reports from Rosary Captains which have been sent to us.

We had 25 people attend our Public Square Rosary this past Saturday, October 15, 2016. We prayed the Rosary in front of the statue of Our Blessed Mother in front of our church. We were joined by members of our Knights of Columbus Council 14775. We hope to have 100 people attend in October 2017!

Today our children from the 1st to the 5th grade Faith Formation classes prayed the rosary from the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally. Thank you!

I did it!!! My first Rosary Rally!!! It won't be the last! I'm so



Bakersfield, CA

happy, I will commit to doing this, every year. As long as God gives me life!

Our Lady and Our Lord did it! Despite my fractured feet, I was able to hold my Rally today in conjunction with a Walk for Life Rally in front of a Planned Parenthood! We said the Rosary, led by a priest and sang and said all the prayers.

I have a cane, the handle of which is shaped like a snake. The bus driver who took me in the disabled Paratransit bus, to the location, told me: "Just remember that your cane is like Moses' staff—he threw it down and it devoured Pharaoh's sorcerers' snakes; and also in John 3:14 "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up!" And we lifted up Christ in front of that murderous baby-killing mill today. So another victory for Our Lady and Our Lord!

I am grateful to the 5 young men who prayed the rosary—3 in English and 2 in Spanish. Then we had a Mass, and after Mass we had a wonderful pot luck dinner with Mexican Alabanza music. The turnout was so beautiful that we are making arrangements to

Note: We have edited these reports for the sake of clarity and removed the names of the senders. The photographs were chosen from thousands of photographs sent to us; they are not necessarily connected with the reports.



Ashland, VA



North Wales, PA

make a huge fiesta party next year for the 100th anniversary!

We did our Fatima Public Square Rally with a banner that read "marriage is between a man and a woman." Most of the horns that honked were African-Americans. We had close to 35 people, it was joyful, what a beautiful day!

I hope you are well on this beautiful Sunday. I want to share with you that we had a wonderful Rosary Rally yesterday in Evansville, Indiana. 58 people of all ages came to the Four Freedoms Monument to pray, including a priest and 3 deacons. Thank you for all you do to organize these wonderful rallies!

I just want to share with you the great joy I felt yesterday at the Rally. I invited some friends sending the flyer and the image of Our Lady by text from my cell phone. . . We were about 7 adults and a 7-year-old girl. Thanks for giving us the

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opportunity to participate in this campaign. May God keep using us for the salvation of souls!

Thank you so much for your letters and encouragement. We had about 30 people, and I will continue the good fight with you. I cannot thank you enough for your leadership! Everyone said it was a success yesterday.

Our Public Rosary Rally at Saint John Vianney in Mentor, Ohio, was more than we ever could believe! We had prayed that at least 40 people would show up... Lo and behold, we had 106 attendees from many parishes all around the area. And to top it off, it was one of the most beautiful weather days that Our Lady sent to us for our first Rally.

We managed to pray on October 15, 2016 at 12:00 noon. Eight families turned up with their children. I have also registered as a 2017 Rosary Captain.

We had 35 persons attend in sunny but very windy conditions! May Our Lady continue to bless those who came out to do her work last Saturday. We had representation from many lay apostolate groups including Legion of Mary, Knights of Columbus and Third Order Carmelites.

I am writing to update you on the Rosary Rally we held last



Simi Valley, CA



York, PA



Larned, KS



Trenton, Ill



Conway, Ark



New Orleans, LA

week in honor of Our Lady, to pray in reparation for what is going on in our country and for the conversion of sinners.

The day of the rally also happened to be 100 years since the start of Planned Parenthood.

We received over 400 HONKS from traffic driving by which is the most we have ever received. A few of the "honks" came from police cars who buzzed their megaphones. Everyone who participated came for the first time except for a Protestant lady who enthusiastically joined us off the street last rally. (she came again)! She can't wait for the next one and is asking when I will do another one. "I'll go next week AND every week," she said! She is encouraging ME, a Catholic, to be more active than I otherwise would be.

What I love about the PUBLIC rally is we get to be in the public eye! Public sins need public reparation!!!

One lady who came said, "This area should be crowded with people praying!" I couldn't agree with her more! What I love about the PUBLIC rally is we get to be in the public eye! Public sins need public reparation!!!

One 7-year-old girl kept jumping up and down and yelling "Honk for Jesus" after the rally was over. She wasn't done fighting for God! A policeman also stopped to give the children police badge stickers and to thank us. He said, "I never saw anyone do anything like this before" and was very grateful.

Given the nervousness I feel going to a public prayer rally, I'm always amazed at the peace and joy that comes once I'm there and afterwards... but what is a little discomfort? Look at the discomfort Our Lord withstood for us!



Pueblo, CO



America Needs Fatima and TFP Rally in NYC

Our parishioner, Theresa, has once again coordinated our very successful annual rosary rally.

We plan to hold the rally next year, in our newly renovated and landscaped prayer garden. Our hope is to gather more participants as we celebrate the 100th year of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima.

There were 10 present with the "Tears from Heaven" raining down upon us. We started with 5 decades of the Joyful Mysteries, 1/2 of the Sorrowful Mysteries at the Grotto and completed the Sorrowful Mysteries in Saint Al's in front of the Blessed Mother's statue.

We are happy to report to you that there were around 60 people who attended the Public Square Rosary Crusade in Deer Park, TX.

We praise and thank God, through the Blessed Virgin Mary, for the success of this event!

Thank you again for all the materials that you are sending us, these are indeed very useful for our Faith Journey, and for all that you do for the good of God's people in our Church—for the greater honor and glory of our God! ■



Our Readers Write

100th Anniversary Fatima Rosary

"The rosary is worthy of Our Queen. Thank you. I will use it to pray in gratitude and for the success of all Her desires! May all rosaries prayed touch Her motherly Heart."

L.R., Dwight, Neb.

"I feel that praying the rosary every day is so very important for everyone to do. The world is in deep trouble these days and the only hope for a better world is through prayer. I love this rosary and will use it every day. Thank you, Mr. Ritchie, for sending me one. As you know, there is power in prayer!"

J.B., Proctor, Vt.

"Thank you for my beautiful blue rosary for the 100th anniversary of Fatima! It's my favorite color! Not a day will go by without me using it to pray the mysteries of the day. God is good!"

D.L., Opelousas, La.

"The answer to the world's problems is the message of Fatima. Keep up your spiritual work of promoting the Rosary. Thank you for this lovely rosary you sent. We say the rosary every day!"

R.D., Bowling Green, Ohio

"I want to thank you with all my heart for the beautiful 100th anniversary Fatima Rosary beads, they are so blessed and so beautiful! I will always pray on my new rosary."

B.V., New York, N.Y.

Saint Michael Medal

"Thank you for my medal. I'm wearing it now as I write to you. I'm praying for protection for you and all our country—the times we live in are truly evil—but we have Our Lord's arms around us!"

L.S., Evansville, Ind.

"Could you please send me another medal? I gave the one you sent me originally to a man who belongs to no faith. His name is Michael and he is discerning whether or not to become a Catholic!"

J.B., Gilbert, Ariz.

"I have 7 members in my immediate family and I would love to have a St. Michael medal for each. I do love EVERY gift you send me, but with Satan out there I would feel so much better having all my family wear St. Michael's medal. I pray St. Michael will always battle the demons in all our lives!"



D.H., Murrieta, Calif.

Our Lady of Fatima Photo

"Thank you for the very inspiring picture of Our Lady whose appearances in Fatima have worldwide appeal. The picture will be in a place where it can be seen by everyone!"

Z.W., Tallahassee, Fla.

"Thank you for sending this beautiful picture of the miraculous Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima. I will definitely frame this beautiful picture and treasure it forever."

T.F., Bronx, N.Y.

"I thank you for the beautiful picture of Mother Mary. Her beautiful eyes follow me everywhere and I feel her spirituality always. It brings tears to my eyes all day long. I love her so much. I'm 81 years old and will have been a Catholic for 6 years this Easter—so blessed. It's the happening at Fatima that brought me into the wonderful Catholic Church."



G.B., Salt Lake City, Utah

"Please send your picture of Our Lady of Fatima to my two children. They both do not go to Mass anymore. So I pray that if you send them our Mother's photo, they will gaze into Her eyes and see the way back to Our Dear Lord."

E.A., Appleton, Wis.



Have something you'd like to share?

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THE LARGEST Bouquet Ever!

BY ANTONIO FRAGELLI

On October 12, 2016, more than 25,000 red and white roses were offered to Our Lady of Fatima. With so many pilgrims present for the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, great numbers approached to ask about the enormous offering.

America Needs Fatima held its 10th year of Public Square Rosary Rallies in the United States. For every Rally Captain who committed to organizing a Rosary Rally we delivered one red rose in his or her name. We also offered a white rose for every devotee of Our Blessed Mother who chose to sponsor a Rosary Rally by giving a donation to help make this enormous effort possible.

As the day approached for the offering, the weather forecast was the worst possible. In Portuguese the expression used by weather.com was, “aguaceiro e trovoadas” which can be translated into “pouring rain and thunder.” The odd thing was that all the other days of the week had been beautiful, sunny days.

We had lots of praying to do, beseeching our good Mother to



16,323 red roses and many thousands of white roses were delivered to Our Lady of Fatima on the occasion of the 2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade in America.

push the clouds away. And she didn't let us down! As the time came for the delivery, 2:00 p.m. on October 12th, the clouds moved away and even parts of the sky became blue. The sun became as warm as her smile and we were able to make the offering of a massive bouquet of roses to Our Lady and remain as dry as the pilgrims were after the Miracle of the Sun.

As we carried the massive vases in one by one, I had time to reflect on what this offering meant in today's world. In the very spot where I stood, Our Lady came to deliver a heavenly message of warning and salvation for our times. And here I was, 99 years later, delivering more than 25,000 roses in thanksgiving to that same Mother. These roses I carried represented thousands of children of Mary who gathered throughout America to publicly and boldly pray the Rosary for America—just as Our Lady had asked of Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco nearly a century ago.

The beautiful roses basking in the Portuguese sun stood in sharp contrast to a world deep in moral trouble. Daily the world seems to move further and further away from God and His Divine law. It can only be by the grace of God that in such a sinful world, here at Fatima a huge act of love and devotion to Jesus and Mary could take place today.

Together with the roses, the hopes and prayers of thousands of Americans were offered to the Queen of Heaven. We beseech her to hasten the fulfillment of her promise at Fatima: “Finally, my Immaculate Heart will triumph!” ■

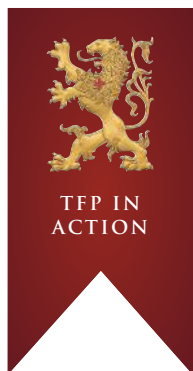


A bouquet of flowers was offered to Our Lady of Fatima for the intentions and good health of the generous souls who donated to make the 16,323 Rosary Rallies a reality in 2016.

To find out how you can send a rose to Fatima in 2017, go to www.ANF.org.

2016 TFP NATIONAL Conference

BY VINCENT GORRE



On October 28, 2016, over 300 friends of the TFP gathered for the customary Friday night pizza dinner. All could be seen in animated conversation while enjoying brick-oven pizza prepared by TFP members.

America's Fatima Future was this year's theme. After early morning Mass, attendees were welcomed by Mr. Michael Drake, conference director.

America's Fatima Future

Relating ideas from his book, *Return to Order*, Mr. Horvat explained that when America as a nation converts, her Fatima future will be built upon the collective nature of Americans perfected by God.

Veteran TFP members Mr. Luiz Solimeo and Mr. Gary Isbell explained that the core message of Fatima is to do what Our Lady requested: spread devotion to her Immaculate Heart. They described the importance of devotion to both the Sacred and the Immaculate Hearts in light of Fatima.

Mr. Dannel Pribble spoke about the apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love). He delved into the meaning of papal infallibility, the crisis in the Church and the papacy and the promise of Jesus Christ that "the gates of hell shall not prevail."

TFP member Mr. Michael Whitcraft explained that God wants individuals and nations to make sacrifices in order that the marvels within us can be revealed and achieve victory. He cited the beautiful story of Saints Monica and Augustine to illustrate his point.

TFP member Mr. Norman Fulkerson had the enviable task of speaking about TFP founder Prof.



A rosary procession, full conference halls and a lot of catching up with friends were some of the aspects of the October 2016 American TFP National Conference.

Plinio Corrêa de Oliveira and his devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. Prof. Plinio tirelessly promoted the Fatima message to individuals and to nations, especially the dangers of atheistic communism throughout the world.

Right after dinner, attendees began the Rosary procession which culminated in the singing of the Litany of Our Lady in front of the Sacred Heart chapel. The candle-lit procession was a most fitting finish to a day focused on Our Lady and her glorious triumph.

America's Fatima Future—Day Two

The second day of the conference started with a report by Mr. Michael Gorre on the activities of the American TFP. The mailings department provides spiritual and educational ammunition; the TFP's Call to Chivalry camps, de Montfort Academy and

the *Sedes Sapientiae* Institute provide training for Our Lady's "soldiers;" the various websites such as tfp.org, anf.org, tfpstudentaction.org, rto.org, and nobility.org., engage in electronic "warfare."

Part II of Mr. John Horvat's talk dealt with what our Fatima future will look like. Organic remedies serve as a "brake" that can stop the modern train that is taking us toward potential disaster. The Fatima story itself is a perfect example of this organic remedy.

History is replete with victories through the direct intercession of the Mother of God. Mr. Ben Broussard eloquently narrated just a few examples that not many people know about. Our Lady's intervention can be seen to change the outcome of events in history.

In contrast to transgenderism, TFP member Mr. Rex Teodosio laid out the criteria for considering the ideal models of masculinity and femininity. By meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, we can get a clear idea of the perfect models that we should imitate.

The Solemn High Mass and Medieval Banquet
The historic Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus



Left: A Solemn High Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Conewago, Penn. Right: A large decorated tent served as a dining hall for the 300+ Conference participants.

was the setting for the Solemn High Mass celebrated especially for the conference. A procession with Our Lady of Fatima's statue started the Mass. The TFP Choir sang Latin chants throughout and the celebration concluded with the singing of the papal hymn, *O Rome Eternal!*

Attendees were treated to a sumptuous dinner amidst the banners of medieval Europe. HIRH Prince Bertrand of Orleans-Braganza made his traditional remarks to close the conference. After the final blessings by a distinguished member of the clergy, all expressed hopes of seeing each other again in 2017—the centennial of the Fatima apparitions. ■

10 REASONS

Why Transgenderism Is the Family's Worst Enemy

From October 25-30, fifteen TFP Student Action volunteers toured the state of Wisconsin, where they encouraged students at Marquette University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison to defend the family. Their 14-foot banner was clear: "God made them male and female (Gen. 5:2). Stop the ravages of transgender ideology." This simple message bolstered the morale of many. TFP volunteers also distributed a hard-hitting flier, demonstrating how the transgender movement is self-destructive, tyrannical, unscientific, immoral, and unhealthy. We publish here the text of the flier illustrated with photos of the TFP-Student Action campaign in Wisconsin.

1. Transgenderism Is Tyrannical

On May 13, 2016, the Obama administration issued a sweeping diktat, ordering all public schools to allow members of one biological sex to use the showers, locker rooms, and restrooms of the op-

posite sex. In one fell swoop the federal government imposed transgender bathrooms on all public schools in the nation. States that opposed the measure have been threatened with severe penalties such as the loss of federal funds.

The legitimate concerns of parents for their children were brushed aside. The right to privacy and the importance of guarding our children's innocence were likewise trampled upon. The transgender movement, like Islam, is only

satisfied with total submission. Under this new tyranny, schools, universities, businesses and even Churches are no longer free to follow their moral principles. Christian morality is not tolerated.

2. It Fuels Child Abuse

Transgenderism is especially harmful to children. According to the American College of Pediatricians, the public promotion of transgenderism constitutes a form of child abuse:

“Conditioning children into believing that a lifetime of chemical and surgical impersonation of the opposite sex is normal and healthful is child abuse. Endorsing gender discordance as normal via public education and legal policies will confuse children and parents, leading more children to present [themselves] to ‘gender clinics’ where they will be given puberty-blocking drugs. This, in turn, virtually ensures that they will ‘choose’ a lifetime of carcinogenic and otherwise toxic cross-sex hormones, and likely consider unnecessary surgical mutilation of their healthy body parts as young adults.”

This form of child abuse must be vigorously opposed.

3. It Contradicts Biology and Science

Gender ideology contradicts basic biology. The same progressive movement that once worshipped at the secular altar of science, to the exclusion of God and metaphysics, has turned against its own science-is-everything dogma. Now, all scientific evidence that disproves the transgender narrative is discarded.

However, the American College of Pediatricians is clear:

“Human sexuality is an objective biological binary trait: ‘XY’ and ‘XX’ are genetic markers of health—not genetic markers of a disorder. The norm for human design is to be conceived either male or female. Human sexuality is binary by design with the obvious purpose being the reproduction and flourishing of our species. This principle is self-evident.... Individuals with DSDs [disorders of sex development] do not constitute a third sex.”



Members of TFP Student Action discuss the absurdity of transgenderism with university students in Wisconsin.

4. Biological Sex Cannot Change

Those who embrace the transgender ideology pretend that men can morph into women or that women can morph into men. But their claim is false.

“It is physiologically impossible to change a person’s sex, since the sex of each individual is encoded in the genes—XX if female, XY if male. Surgery can only create the appearance of the other sex,” explain Dr. Richard P. Fitzgibbons, M.D., Philip M. Sutton, Ph.D., and Dale O’Leary in a well-documented study. These doctors affirm that sexual identity “is written on every cell of the body and can be determined through DNA testing. It cannot be changed.”

5. It Warps Manhood and Womanhood

Transgender ideology claims that biological reality does not determine one’s sex—feelings do. Therefore, the differences between male and female, much like the clothing we wear, are separate from our identity and are constantly in flux. Manhood and womanhood are mere labels used to describe what we see, but lack any substantial basis.

Feminist ideologue, lesbian, and writer Simone de Beauvoir affirmed that “one is not born, but rather becomes, a woman.” The whole point of feminism is not so much to eliminate the so-called “oppressive” male class but to abolish

every difference between the sexes.

Here we see how the homosexual, transgender, and feminist movements are allied. They share the same final goal: the destruction of male and female, manhood and womanhood.

6. It Destroys Reason

A fundamental part of logic and reason is the idea that things have a purpose. The purpose of our eyes, for example, is to provide us with sight. The wings of a bald eagle exist to provide it with flight. Our lungs exist in order for us to breathe and absorb oxygen, and our ears exist in order to hear. Likewise, the primary purpose of human sexuality is procreation.

However, transgenderism, like homosexuality and feminism, deny this principle, and therefore attack human reason itself, which is a form of deliberate madness.

7. Transgenderism Is Self-Destructive

The homosexual movement shatters lives. Regret, despair, and suicide are common among those who adopt the “T” of the LGBT lifestyle.

Walt Heyer, a man who regrets having lived like a woman for many years, said: “I knew I wasn’t a real woman, no matter what my identification documents said. I had taken extreme steps to resolve my gender conflict, but chang-

ing genders hadn't worked. It was obviously a masquerade."

"Transgenders not only annihilate their birth identity," Heyer explained, "they destroy everyone and everything in their wake: family, wife, children, brothers or sisters, and career. Certainly this demonstrates the behavior of someone hell-bent on total self-destruction and self-harm."

The stress involved with living a lifestyle that violates nature is apparent. According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 41% of those who identify as transgender in America have attempted to commit suicide. That's twenty-five times higher than the national average.

8. Where Will Transgenderism Lead Us: Trans-Species

If a man can pretend to be a woman, why can't he also claim to be non-human? Such a relativistic conclusion is regretfully here: it's called trans-species—also known as furies or otherkins. People with Species Identity Disorder consider themselves non-human and are featured at homosexual parades. The arguments used by the trans-species movement to

question their human status are essentially the same as those of the transgender movement.

When feelings replace reality, logic dies. The intellect, the highest part of man, is degraded. The animal rules. And our Godless culture pressures us to play along with these depraved fantasies.

Once these disorders are regarded as normal, what can possibly resist the unbridled passions from introducing greater forms of depravity? What will protect human reason from further destruction?

9. Transgender Ideology and Religious Persecution

Favored by secularism, Transgender Ideology may spark the worst type of religious persecution as it imposes a perversion of the mind, beginning with small children. Those who oppose it are targeted by this new religion of equality, which obliges children to attend sensitivity training and gender indoctrination. Indeed, those who cheer the homosexual movement—whether they know it or not—are *de facto* servants of a new religion.

Its doctrine: Transgender Ideology. Its false god: Radical equality and reckless liberalism. Its ministers: Leaders of the homosexual movement. Its acolytes: Liberal media, immoral politicians and, sadly, dissident members of the clergy. Its "inquisition": Anti-discrimination laws that threaten order and peace. Its "excommunication":

Anyone who speaks the truth is labeled a "homophobe" or a "transphobe."

10. It Offends God

The desire to change one's biological sex not only denies reality, but also offends God. Nobody is born male or female by chance, but in accordance with a plan of Divine Providence: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you" (Jer. 1:5). God created male and female (Gen. 1:27). Therefore, to intentionally contradict the biological nature of mankind is an act of revolt against our Creator.

Charity calls us to help those afflicted or confused about their own sex, not to increase their confusion by offering them a false solution. Charity "does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth" (1 Cor. 13:6). Therefore, mercy can never stand in opposition to the truth, for only the truth can set you free (John 8:32).

What can we do to save the family?

We must follow the angelic example of Saint Michael the Archangel.

"Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens. Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day and, having done everything, to hold your ground" (Eph. 6:11-13). ■

The small number of counter-protesters brought very little logic to the debate.



Cordial as well as heated discussions broke out on every college campus. Meanwhile, Wisconsin drivers showed great support by honking against the transgender revolution.

Commemorating 10 Years OF THE PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

2007-2016

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The Editor

For a report on the 2016 Rosary Rallies, turn to page 15.



Thank you for your dedication and prayers!

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Image: Rosary Rally in New York City, October 15, 2016. The Public Square Rosary Rally always takes place on the closest Saturday to October 13, the feast of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima.



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