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A Day With Mary

The board and staff of OMQofPeace-Betania XIII, extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the October 30th Conference, "A Day with Mary." The surveys returned to us revealed that attendees from forty-five different parishes found the conference exceptional. The confession lines lasted during the whole conference and the adoration chapel was well attended. Most stayed at the end to meet with the family of the mystic, Maria Esperanza, Servant of God. Many people asked questions of the husband and daughter of Maria, and the answers were spiritually enlightening as well as humanly heartwarming. Many people took photos with the family. It was a truly joyous event. *Fino*

THE "SECRETS" OF FATIMA

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ACCORDING TO THE VERSION PRESENTED BY SISTER LUCIA IN THE "THIRD MEMOIR" OF 31 AUGUST 1941 FOR THE BISHOP OF LEIRIA - FATIMA (original text)

Well, the secret is made up of three distinct parts:

The first part is the vision of hell.

Our Lady showed us a great sea of fire which seemed to be under the earth. Plunged in this fire were demons and souls in



Sister Lucy &
the late Pope John Paul II

human form, like transparent burning embers, all blackened or burnished bronze, floating about in the conflagration, now raised into the air by the flames that issued from within themselves together with great clouds of smoke, now falling back on every side like sparks in a huge fire, without weight or equilibrium, and amid shrieks and groans of pain and despair, which horrified us and made us tremble with fear. The demons could be distinguished by their terrifying and repulsive likeness to frightful and unknown animals, all black and transparent. This vision lasted but an instant. How can we ever be grateful enough to our kind heavenly Mother, who had already prepared us by promising, in the first Apparition, to take us to heaven. Otherwise, I think we would have died of fear and terror.

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MESSAGES OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MEDJUGORJE

Message of September 25, 2011 "Dear children! I call you, for this time to be for all of you, a time of witnessing. You, who live in the love of God and have experienced His gifts, witness them with your words and life that they may be for the joy and encouragement to others in faith. I am with you and incessantly intercede before God for all of you that your faith may always be alive and joyful, and in the love of God. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Message of October 25, 2011 "Dear children! I am looking at you and in your hearts I do not see joy. Today I desire to give you the joy of the Risen One, that He may lead you and embrace you with His love and tenderness. I love you and I am praying for your conversion without ceasing before my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call."

Message of November 25, 2011 "Dear children! Today I desire to give you hope and joy. Everything that is around you, little children, leads you towards worldly things but I desire to lead you towards a time of grace, so that through this time you may be all the closer to my Son, that He can lead you towards His love and eternal life, for which every heart yearns. You, little children, pray and may this time for you be one of grace for your soul. Thank you for having responded to my call."

BETANIA XIII & THE MARIAN AGE

Via Maria Esperanza – Our Lady of Reconciliation of All Peoples and All Nations

Maria Esperanza has predicted there will be a time of tribulation and illumination also, but her revelations are more of hope. There will be both spiritual and physical renewal for all humanity.

The name, “Esperanza,” means hope! She has said there will be a “new dawn for Jesus. A great mysterious light from heaven will enlighten the whole world.” Maria also predicted that there will be a change in people, that a new spiritual innocence will present itself throughout the world. She did say there will be a time of suffering, and the lack of everyday necessities will prevail, but



Imaginative vision of the future sacntuary of Betania XIII

Our Lady will protect the faithful. You must prepare for these days to come.

She also foresaw thousands of people coming to Betania as a refuge. There are now sixteen Betanias throughout the world and more are tentative as Maria prophesied. Here on Long Island we are growing and

hoping for a viable benefactor to help establish a permanent location for Betania XIII. I pray this will happen before the prophesied tribulation. In the meantime we have established the foundation for Betania XIII. Families and youth will encounter a spiritual renewal of reconciliation that cannot be found in the world today. This is the basis of Peace for all nations of the world.

No one on our board and staff is salaried. We are all dedicated to the messages of Our Holy Mother and Her direction, “Do whatever HE tells you” Jn 2:5. We are faithful to Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, and the Magisterium of the church. Your prayers and donations have made these past twenty five years possible. Please continue your support now more than ever. The world needs your prayers and Betania XIII. Do you know a benefactor who would be interested?

We meet on the third Friday of each month at the Church of Saint Mary Roslyn, NY, 7:45pm, 110 Bryant Ave., depending on the weather, especially during the winter months. We celebrate Mass or Benediction if possible, pray the rosary, and we spend some time updating and witnessing as we enjoy refreshments. For further information: Deacon Ed Case, 516-621-1172 or Joan and Tony Grau, 516-801-1035.

Next meeting – December 16, 2011

Would you be interested in making a pilgrimage to Betania I, in Venezuela in March, 2012? Visit the holy area where Our Holy Mother appeared to hundreds and see the bleeding Eucharist. This is an opportunity to meet the whole family of Maria Esperanza and witness how families are to live in love throughout the world. Interested? Call Gina Delucia, and if we have enough interest we will make a date to be in Betania for the anniversary of the apparitions, March 25th – Call 516-676-1669.



The Grotto where Our Holy Mother appeared

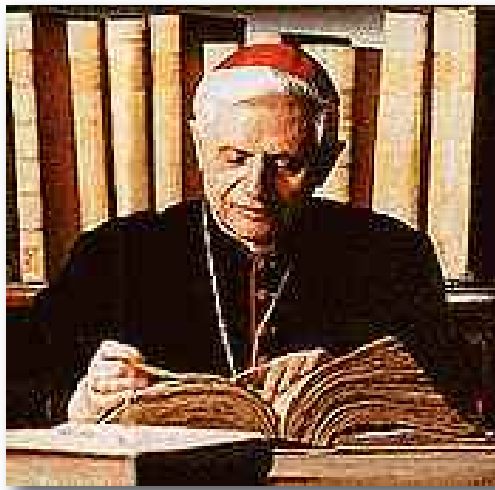
THEOLOGICAL COMMENTARY

Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Now Pope Benedict XVI)

Was Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at that time

...And so we come to the final question: What is the meaning of the “secret” of Fatima as a whole (in its three parts)? What does it say to us? First of all, we must affirm with Cardinal Sodano: “...the events to which the third part of the ‘secret’ of Fatima refers now seem part of the past.” Insofar as individual events are described, they belong to the past. Those who expected exciting apocalyptic revelations about the end of the world or the future course of history are bound to be disappointed. Fatima does not satisfy our curiosity in this way, just as Christian faith in general cannot be reduced to an object of mere curiosity. What remains was already evident when we began our reflections on the text of the “secret”: the exhortation to prayer as the path of “salvation for souls” and, likewise, the summons to penance and conversion.

I would like finally to mention another key expression of the “secret” which has become justly famous: “my Immaculate Heart will triumph.” What does this mean? The heart open to God, purified by contemplation of God, is stronger than guns and weapons of every kind. The fiat of Mary, the word of her heart, has changed the history of the world, because it brought the Saviour into the world—because, thanks to her “Yes”, God could become man in our world and remains so for all time. The Evil One has power in this world, as we see and experience continually; he has power because our freedom continually lets itself be led away from God. But since God himself took a human heart and has thus steered human freedom towards what



*Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger
Now Pope Benedict XVI*

precious Blood, and beloved souls who console Him and form a cohort of victim souls. Prayer, penance, and courageous sacrifices can soften the Father’s anger.”

Saint Padre Pio said, “Victory will come when there are a sufficient number responding to Our Lady’s requests.” (Pray the Rosary, confession, penance, fasting, consecrating hearts to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.)

A little over a hundred years ago it was prophesied by a great client of our Blessed Lady, Father William Chaminade, that a new era of devotion to the Mother of God was about to dawn upon the world. In a letter to the supreme pontiff of the time, dated September 16, 1838, this holy man went further. He foretold that the new era, this “age of Mary”, would herald a signal triumph for Christ and His Church.”

A few hundred years earlier, Saint Louis De Montfort called it “The Marian Age.”

is good, the freedom to choose evil no longer has the last word. From that time forth, the word that prevails is this: “In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart; I have overcome the world” (Jn 16:33). The message of Fatima invites us to trust in this promise.

Akita, Japan Approved Apparition-April 22, 1973

The message at Akita is essentially the same as the message of Fatima. Our Lady of Akita said, “With my Son, I have intervened so many times to appease the wrath of the Father. I have prevented the coming of calamities by offering Him the sufferings of the Son on the Cross, His

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We then looked up at Our Lady, who said to us so kindly and so sadly:

“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. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace. The war is going to end: but if people do not cease offending God, a worse one will break out during the Pontificate of Pius XI. When you see a night illumined by an unknown light, know that this is the great sign given you by God

that he is about to punish the world for its crimes, by means of war, famine, and persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father. To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of reparation on the First Saturdays. If my requests are heeded, Russia will be converted, and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions of the Church. The good will be martyred; the Holy Father will have much to suffer; various nations will be annihilated. In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to

me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world.”

THIRD PART OF THE “SECRET”

The third part of the secret revealed at the Cova da Iria – Fatima, 13 July 1917.

I write in obedience to you, my God, who command me to do so through his Excellency the Bishop of Leiria and through your Most Holy Mother and mine.

After the two parts which I have already explained, at the left of Our Lady and a little

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above, we saw an Angel with a flaming sword in his left hand; flashing, it gave out flames that looked as though they would set the world on fire; but they died out in contact with the splendor that Our Lady radiated towards him from her right hand: pointing to the earth with his right hand, the Angel cried out in a loud voice: "Penance, Penance, Penance!" And we saw in an immense light that is God (something similar to how people appear in a mirror when they pass in front of it) a Bishop dressed in white (we had the impression that it was the Holy Father). Other bishops, priests, men and women religious were going up a steep mountain, at the top of which was a big Cross of rough-hewn trunks as of a cork-tree with the bark. Before reaching there, the Holy Father passed through a big city half in ruins, and half trembling with halting step, afflicted with pain and sorrow, he prayed for the souls of the corpses he met on his way. Having reached the top of the mountain, on his knees at the foot of the big Cross, he was killed by a group of soldiers who fired bullets and arrows at him, and in the same way there died one after another the other bishops, priests, men and women religious, and various lay people of different ranks and positions. Beneath the two arms of the Cross there were two Angels, each with a crystal aspersion in his hand, in which they gathered up the blood of the martyrs and with it sprinkled the souls that were making their way to God.

Tarcisio Bertone, SDB

Archbishop Emeritus of Vercelli

Secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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All Are Welcome

First Saturday is Parish Day:

Lindenhurst, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, starts 7:40am
Hicksville, Our Lady of Mercy, starts 7:40am
Center Moriches, St. John the Evangelist, starts 7:40am
Glen Cove, St. Patrick, starts 8:40am
Manhasset, St. Mary's, starts 8:00am
Glen Cove, St. Rocco's, starts 8:00am
Shoreham, St. Mark's, starts 9:00am followed by Rosary

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