



QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY, PRAY FOR US

Traditionally the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Mother during which we commemorate the *Feast of Our Lady of Fatima* on the 13th and the *Visitation of Our Lady* on the 31st. In this last newsletter before the summer break, written during the month of May, we will look at the *Feast of Our Lady of Fatima* to offer a few reflections on it along with the importance of devotion to the Holy Rosary.

This feast not only reminds us of one of the titles under which Mary is honored and recalls the events of Fatima, but importantly is one which is actively being realized in our times. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI stated, anyone who thinks that Fatima is a “past event” is “mistaken.” We are often reminded that Fatima, being a “private revelation” is not part of the Deposit of Faith and henceforth not binding in belief. While private revelations are not binding, nevertheless Fatima has two important facets about it which need to be remembered. First, it is an approved feast and on the Church’s calendar. Second, it has something that no other private revelation can boast of: the *Miracle of the Sun* witnessed by over 70,000 people so that even the

Masonic controlled media had to admit that it took place. Obviously the Blessed Mother had something more important in mind than just a “reminder of the perennial gospel call to prayer and repentance” if she arranged this public miracle with her Divine Son. The only other instance of a public miracle of this magnitude (predicted in advance) would be the Prophet Elijah’s calling down fire from heaven on his sacrifice.

A hint to its importance may be found in its timing. Just shortly before Fatima, St. John Bosco had his dream of the Barque of St. Peter under attack. In this dream the barque of Peter (Catholic Church) is under furious attack by the enemies of the Church with its ships pounding the Pope’s ship. Then the Pope is struck and killed and the Church’s enemies let out a tremendous shout of victory thinking that they have won. But a new Pope is elected and he proceeds to navigate Peter’s barque to victory by steering between the two columns of devotion to the Holy Eucharist and devotion to the Blessed Mother. Don Bosco tirelessly promoted devotion to Mary and the praying of the rosary.

Shortly after that, Pope Leo XIII had his vision where

Our Lord revealed to him that Satan would shortly attack the Church as never before and as a result he composed the *Prayer to St. Michael* that was recited after every Low Mass until 1964. So Fatima in effect warned us about this diabolic assault about to be unleashed and of the consequences should her request not be heeded: the “annihilation of many nations.” We often picture this as the effects of a nuclear war but perhaps this deals with the loss of faith by many nations. And indeed, the faith has all but been “annihilated” in the West.

This annihilation has come about due to the rage of the Evil One because in his diabolic pride he believes that he can destroy the Church. And he’s doing that now most especially by directing his demonic rage against the family. He knows that if he succeeds in destroying the family, then he’s won. In an interview published in “Catholic World Report,” Catholic author Donna Steichen gives us in a nutshell the reality of this Satanic assault on the family. While she directly addresses the issue of ideological feminism, you have in her statement the reality of what contraception, the abortion-rights movement, and the homosexual-rights movement are all about: the destruction of the family.

“Feminism is about overthrowing the structure of the family and society. It rose out of the writings of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels [authors of the Communist Manifesto]. They saw that the family was at odds with their vision of society. Owning the factories is not enough; you can’t change society unless you get rid of the family. When you attack the family, you attack society itself, including its institutions, authority, and traditions, as well as the Ten Commandments and God. Religious feminists, and even secular feminists, want to overthrow God. The religious feminists have set about replacing the Trinitarian God with a mish-mash of New Age spirituality, paganism, psychology, and anything that is not structured, that is not traditional, that is not Christianity.”

An indication that this war is intensifying can be seen that the major corporations along with Professional and College sports have joined in the war against the family by threatening economic boycotts against states that enact laws to protect religious freedom as was the cause in both Arizona and Indiana. We will be tempted to despair and think that we’ve lost and that the

demise of Christianity and the triumph of the above mentioned movements in our country is “inevitable.” Remember that Our Lord will have the final say and until that day comes, known to Him alone, He has given us His Mother to protect us with her motherly care. And she has given us the weapon par excellence to combat the Devil: the holy rosary. Before giving in to despair consider the following.

In 1571 the Ottoman Turks amassed a tremendous invasion fleet to send against Europe. They had vanquished the remnants of the Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire and swept into Europe conquering much of the Balkans. It seemed that nothing could stop them and that their conquest of Europe was inevitable. Christian Europe was divided against itself into rival Catholic and protestant camps and hardly presented a unified front. Pope St. Pius V appealed to all Catholic Europe to pray the rosary to spare Europe this invasion. In the ensuing *Battle of Lepanto*, the Christian fleet destroyed the Ottoman Turkish fleet in a dramatic victory and freed thousands of Christians who were used as galley slaves in the Turkish fleet. In thanksgiving, Pope St. Pius V proclaimed the feast of *Our Lady of the Rosary*, commemorated on October 7th each year.

More recently, a bishop in the African nation of Nigeria was given a vision of a rosary during benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and told that this is the weapon to use against the “Boko Harim” who are spreading a reign of terror in Africa.

Whether it’s the war raged against Christians in Africa by this group or the war against the family in the formerly Christian West, the weapon remains the same: the rosary.

The front page picture of this newsletter depicts *Our Lady the Protector of Children*. Indeed, contraception and abortion result from a very anti-child mentality where they are not seen as a gift from God but an impediment to the idol we’ve made from individual lifestyle. Let us always turn to Our Lady, the Queen of the Rosary and see in it our great weapon against the devil and his minions. The devils fear this more than any other weapon. Recall that you almost never saw St. John Vianney (Cure of Ars) and St. Padre Pio without a rosary in their hands. May we always have confidence in the motherly love of our Blessed Mother and make the praying of the rosary an important part of our prayer life. ✠