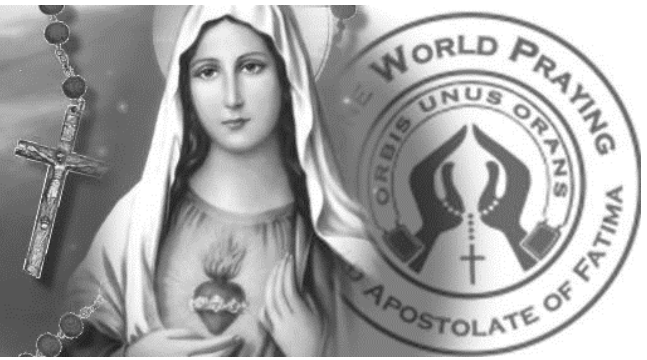


The world Apostolate of Fatima

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ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

The prayer of Adoration is a very important part of the spiritual life of Christians but one which is not well practiced.



Very few Catholic Christians nowadays would regularly pay a visit to the church as they pass. Indeed, for many years many churches have closed their doors outside of Mass and service times.

At the beginning of his Pontificate, Pope Francis urged the parishes to open their doors throughout the day so that people could enter and adore the Lord in silent prayer.

In the Eucharist in the form of bread and wine, we adore God in the Most Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. God is One but at the same time three distinct persons. Jesus said to Philip, *"To see me is to see the Father; do you not know the Father is in me and I am in the Father. The Father and I are one."* He comes to us in the Eucharist in power of the Holy Spirit, hence when we adore Christ in the Eucharist, we are adoring the Holy Trinity.

ADORATION AND THE ANGEL OF FATIMA

At Fatima, the Angel of Peace who prepared the three children for the coming of Our Lady of the Rosary taught them the value of the prayer of Adoration by means of the following two prayers which he taught them to repeat three times each:

"My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love You."

"Most Holy Trinity, Father Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly, and I offer You the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He himself is offended."

And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of you the conversion of poor sinners."

The angel taught the children these prayers whilst kneeling on the ground with his forehead bowed and touching the ground whilst adoring a sacred host suspended, as it were, in mid-air with drops of blood falling from it into the chalice below.

The Angel of Peace then took the host and chalice in his hand. He gave the Host to Lucia and the content of the chalice to Jacinta and Francisco, saying: ***"Take and drink the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, horribly outraged by ungrateful men. Make reparation for their crimes and console your God."***

THE EFFECTS ON ST FRANCISCO JACINTA AND LUCIA

From this mystical moment on, the three little shepherds of Fatima transformed their lives through the prayer of Adoration. Blessed Jacinta said: "I felt that God was within me."

The children deepened into the practice of Adoration of God's Majesty, offended by human beings, making reparation for the ingratitude and indifference of so many, consoling the Good Lord. They would constantly kneel as the angel had showed them both in the parish church but, especially, when alone out in the countryside and repeat constantly the prayers of adoration.

They adored Jesus in the tabernacle of the parish church and, using the phrase of St. Francisco, "The Hidden Jesus", spend a long time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

This passion for adoration was especially marked especially in St Francisco Marto, who had, in the words of St John Paul II at his Mass of Beatification, a special vocation of contemplative prayer.

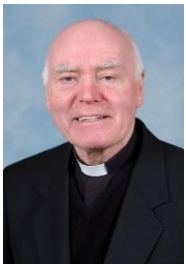
WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA – SCOTLAND 'THE BEGINNINGS'

The Devotion was promoted with great fervour in the late 70s, in the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima, Dalmarnock, Glasgow, by the then Parish Priest, Fr Mc Elholm, who held a monthly All Night Vigil on the eve of First Saturday-Rosary, Procession round the Church, silent Prayer and Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary, finishing with Mass. These vigils were attended monthly by at least 100 people. It was a time to honour Our Lady and to meet with Friends who were Devotees of the Fatima Message of Prayer and Reparation.

Fr McElholm was moved to a bigger Parish in 1981 and was followed by Fr Devine who also had a firm Devotion to the Fatima Message and so continued the All Night Vigils ---much to the joy of the many people who attended each month from all over the city and beyond.

Meanwhile in the Diocese of Paisley, a beautiful shrine to Our Lady of Fatima was set up by Father Lillis in Howwood, Renfrewshire where busloads of Fatima Devotees gathered on the evening of First Saturday. Throughout Scotland the First Saturday Devotion was prayed in many Parishes, largely through the prompting of praesidia of the Legion of Mary.

Meanwhile in the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima in Glasgow, the shortage of Priests was beginning to show, Fr Devine lost his curate in the early 1980s ; in 1984 was himself moved to a bigger Parish and the Priest who came apologised for the loss of the All Night vigils, explaining that being alone, he could not stay up all night and work all day Sunday. The devotees were saddened by this, but following discussion, Dr John Dunn, asked one of the Group to find a different venue each month to celebrate the Devotion and he would pay for the advert saying where they were each month.



And this was where Fr Willie Mone became a significant person in the progress of the development of the Devotion. After the organising Group had visited his Parish of the Immaculate Conception of Maryhill, he invited them to make it their permanent venue each first Saturday.

And so the Fatima Devotion duly continued at The Immaculate Conception Church till Father Willie moved to St Paul's, Whiteinch and so did the gatherings of the Fatima folks. By this time Fr Willie had pulled together a little Team to promote the Devotion throughout Scotland. They were the two sisters, Mae and Irene Reilly, Mary Cassidy, Frank Gallacher, Ann Boyle, Brendan Gill, Ina McCann and Frances Brown, (Betty Ingram and Frances Kinnaird in Edinburgh and Betty Deakin in Aberdeen) and of course, Dr John

Dunn. Their first task was to organise a Pilgrimage to Fatima led by Father Willie, which they did with great success.

I am sure, by the time all of you read this, you will have heard of the happy news of Fr. Willie's passing from this life. With his usual exemplary patience and trust in God he bore the last nine years of illness with great peace and serenity. I am sure these nine years of 'purgatory' will have prepared him for a special place in eternity. He had a very deep love for and devotion to Mary. I am sure she will be waiting at the gates of Paradise to lead him home. "Well done good and faithful servant, enter with joy into your Father's house!"

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ROSARY IN REPARATION – Rosary on the Coast

Imagine a Map of Scotland covered in pledges for the First Saturday Groups – praying for Peace in our World and in reparation for its sins. This would be a wonderful sign of our country's response to the call of *Jesus and Mary at Fatima*.

The First Saturdays are at the heart of the Fatima message and the most important for the peace of the world and for the salvation of souls. The 'Rosary on the Coast' group are launching an initiative highlighting where and when Fatima Devotions are taking place on the First Saturday of every month across Scotland. Further information can be found on the following website: www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk and can also be followed on Facebook under 'Rosary on the Coast'.

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