

# Preface

## FOR EACH OF US

### FATIMA MUST BE OUR FIRST PRIORITY

#### Section I

#### **EMBRACING THE WHOLE PROPHETIC TRUTH OF FATIMA WILL MAKE YOU FREE AND SAVE YOUR LIFE AND YOUR SOUL**

Fatima is about the truth. Our Lady came to Fatima to put an end to satan's empire. Lucifer—the former angel of light, by his rebellion against God, became satan—the devil. This enemy of mankind bases his reign of darkness over this world on the *lie*. To him the lie is “sacred”, because it is by lying to men and women who in turn believe his lies that they thus enslave themselves to his will. The lie is the very foundation of his entire kingdom on this earth.

Jesus tells us in St. John's Gospel that the devil “was a murderer from the beginning: and he stood not in the truth, because truth is not in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof.” (John 8:44)

The Blessed Virgin Mary came to Fatima to crush the serpent's head. We know that She will triumph because She has told us, “In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and she will be converted, and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world.”

In the end, truly, She will crush the serpent's head, just as God the Father foretold in the Garden of Eden: “I will put enmities between thee and the Woman, and thy seed and Her seed: She shall crush thy head, and thou shalt lie in wait for Her heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

The devil, however, will not be defeated until his lies against Fatima are exposed and overthrown. The truth is simple. The lies are many, and there is more than one method to suppress and distort the truth about Fatima.

*One method* is to conceal the truth by not allowing people to know about Fatima, especially children and young people, as well as those first entering the Church who do not know much about their faith. The topic is simply never introduced to them. They are not given the opportunity to learn about the apparitions, the Message, the promise and the prophecies. This concealment, it should be noted, has been accomplished through a *de facto* moratorium on Fatima in Catholic publications and media (radio and television).

*Another method* is to suppress the truth about Fatima by lying to those who have heard at least something about it. In this case the lie is presented to the newly initiated, and even to the very knowledgeable,

in such a subtle manner that the lie goes undetected. Crafting such a lie takes a great deal of skill. Moreover, the liar has to be seen as a friend of Fatima in order for the lie to be widely accepted and believed.

This book is about unmasking the leading false friends of Fatima, so that you will know the truth about Fatima and pass it on to others. Our Lady, at Fatima, warned us that Russia would spread its errors throughout the world unless and until it is properly consecrated in the manner that She prescribed: in a solemn and public ceremony by the Pope, together with all the Catholic bishops of the world, to Her Immaculate Heart.

Contrary to the omissions, the half-truths and the outright lies—as we have demonstrated time and time again over the years—the Consecration of Russia has not been done. In this book, that fact is proven once again. It is also a fact that Russia continues to spread its errors throughout the world.

The errors of Russia certainly include Communism (an error which is still spreading today, even if it appears to have been defeated in Russia), but they are not limited to this one particular evil. The errors of Russia also include the errors of Freemasonry (from which Communism was born), Zionism and many others still. These ideologies (or religions, more precisely) stand against Our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true Man. They are opposed to His Gospel, His Church and His Blessed Mother Mary.

What is difficult for some people to realize is how the errors of Russia could have spread to and within the Catholic Church. Here we must remember the example of the Apostle Judas, who betrayed Jesus Christ unto His death.

Judas was only able to betray Our Lord by virtue of his position as an Apostle. Similarly, those “Judases” who betray Fatima can do so only as a result of their position of rank within the Church.

This brings us to a question that naturally comes to mind when reading this book: “Why is it that the Vatican Secretary of State—not just one of them, but three of them in succession—has opposed Our Lady of Fatima and taken a stand against Her Message? All three (Cardinals Casaroli, Sodano and Bertone) have used their power, position and prestige to fight against the full Fatima Message.

A more complete answer is given in this book, but it is worth mentioning here that the Secretariat of State, in 1962, reached a secret agreement with the Communist rulers of Russia. That agreement is known as the Metz Pact, or, simply, the Vatican-Moscow Agreement. Even to this day, in 2012, this agreement is not widely known or publicized, but it is still in effect. Furthermore, the agreement has never been repudiated or denied by the Vatican, and the worst of its terms are actually hidden in plain sight. Anyone who seeks to know the truth can easily learn about the Metz Pact. *The*

*Fatima Crusader* has published important articles on this matter over the years, and reprints of these indispensable works are available from the publisher. (See “Further Suggested Reading” on page 277.)

By this agreement, the Vatican Secretary of State, since October 1962, has agreed not to condemn the errors of Russia. This policy, which is still in place today, is fundamentally and therefore directly opposed to Our Lady of Fatima’s specific condemnation of the errors of Russia.

As a result of this agreement, the Second Vatican Council, which, it was claimed, would address the most pressing concerns of humanity in its day, deliberately chose not to condemn Atheistic Communism, even though Communism was the biggest problem mankind faced at the time. Of course, Communism is still among the world’s foremost problems half a century later.

The Metz Pact has been wrongfully imposed on much of the Church because many religious do not realize that *no one* has the authority to order bishops, priests and lay people to remain silent in the face of Communism or any other error against God and the teachings of His Church. God is the author of all human authority and He would never authorize anyone to uphold, by way of silence, errors against Himself, Our Lady, the Church and the legitimate rights of human beings in general, and of each man specifically.

The Cardinal Secretary of State, even if he were to claim that he was acting under direct orders from the Holy Father himself, does not possess the authority to order anyone not to expose, explain, denounce and warn against the error of Russian (or for that matter, Chinese, Cuban, etc.) Communism. It is obligatory on the part of the Pope and the hierarchy of the Catholic Church to denounce this error.

This obligation is solemnly taught by Pope Pius XI in his Encyclical on Atheistic Communism. He issued this stern warning against Communism in 1937:

See to it venerable Brethren, that the Faithful do not allow themselves to be deceived! **Communism is intrinsically evil**, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever. Those who permit themselves to be deceived into lending their aid towards the triumph of Communism in their own country, will be the first to fall victims of their error. And the greater the antiquity and grandeur of the Christian civilization in the regions where Communism successfully penetrates, so much more devastating will be the hatred displayed by the godless.

To maintain silence when confronted with the error of Communism is an evil. Pius XI taught this truth in the same encyclical:

In the face of such a threat the Catholic Church could not and does not remain silent. This Apostolic See, above all, has not refrained from raising its voice, for it knows that its proper and special mission is to defend truth, justice and all those eternal values which Communism ignores or attacks.

Pius XI also wrote a little further on:

Yet, despite Our frequent and paternal warnings, the peril [of Communism] only grows greater from day to day because of the pressure exerted by clever agitators. Therefore, **We believe it to be Our duty to raise Our voice once more, in a still more solemn missive**, in accord with the tradition of this Apostolic See, the Teacher of Truth, and in accord with the desire of the whole Catholic world, which makes the appearance of such a document but natural. We trust that the echo of Our voice will reach every mind free from prejudice and every heart sincerely desirous of the good of mankind. We wish this the more because Our words are now receiving sorry confirmation from the spectacle of the bitter fruits of subversive ideas, which We foresaw and foretold, and which are, in fact, multiplying fearfully in the countries already stricken, or threatening every other country of the world.

Hence, We wish to expose once more, in a brief synthesis, the principles of Atheistic Communism as they are manifested chiefly in Bolshevism. We wish, also, to indicate its method of action and to contrast with its false principles, the clear doctrine of the Church, in order to inculcate anew and with greater insistence, the means by which Christian civilization, the true *civitas humana*, can be saved from the satanic scourge, and not merely saved, but better developed for the well-being of human society.

To further enunciate why such a policy of silence is morally reprehensible, consider the following lesson. The bishop—every bishop—is a watchman. That is the actual meaning of the word “bishop” in Greek. We entrust our safety to the watchmen (the soldiers hired to man our outposts) to sound the alarms if they see the enemy approaching. But if the watchmen sleep on the job, so that they do not see the enemy coming, or if the watchmen strike a bargain to look the other way when they see the enemy at the gates, either way the people are not aroused from their slumber and are attacked without warning. In such instances, they have been betrayed by their watchmen.

For the Vatican to orchestrate a deal so as not to sound the alarm at the “approach” of the errors of Russia is a betrayal of the faithful.

As God said to the prophet Ezekiel:

“...if the people of the land take a man ... and make him

a watchman over them: And he see the sword coming upon the land, and sound the trumpet, and tell the people: Then he that heareth the sound of the trumpet, whosoever he be, and doth not look to himself, if the sword come, and cut him off: his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not look to himself, his blood shall be upon him: but if he look to himself, he shall save his life. And if the watchman see the sword coming, and sound not the trumpet: and the people look not to themselves, and the sword come, and cut off a soul from among them: he indeed is taken away in his iniquity, but I will require his blood at the hand of the watchman.” (Ezek. 33:2-6)

Of course, this scriptural teaching about the duties of a watchman is absolutely true, and is obviously applicable to the Pope and the bishops. They must sound the alarm. If they do not, they betray us and become answerable before God.

Pope Benedict XVI has promised more transparency in the recent Vatican leaks scandal (Jan. 2012 - May 2012). Similarly, the secret Vatican-Moscow Agreement needs to be (1) publicly admitted; (2) repudiated; and (3) the intellectual damage repaired through proper education of the bishops, priests and laity. To clarify and elaborate on this third point, anti-Communism has not been taught in the seminaries since the Second Vatican Council in 1962. The result is that current-day bishops and priests are ignorant in what should have been a vital aspect of their formation. As a consequence, Fatima has been removed from our schools, our pulpits, our Catholic press, from the Second Vatican Council and from the counsellors of our bishops, their bishops conferences, and Papal Nuncios, etc., and the laity, for their part, do not even know to ask for what has been taken away from them.

Disclosure and reparation are of the highest priorities for the Church. In the meantime, since Providence has seen to it that this widespread error (i.e., our shepherds have neither denounced nor explained the error of Communism) has been brought to your attention by this book, you should take the time to inform yourself. Do not be deceived by the half-truths, the lies, the gross omissions and suppressions of truth proffered by the last three Vatican Secretaries of State.

Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life,” (John 14:6) and the Church applies the following words of Sacred Scripture to Our Lady: “I am the Mother of fair love, and of fear, and of knowledge, and of holy hope. In Me is all grace of the way and of the truth: in Me is all hope of life and of virtue.” (Eccl. 24:24-25)

While the devil is a murderer and a liar from the beginning, Our Lord and Our Lady give witness to the truth: “And you shall know

the truth: and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32) Always remember that the lie enslaves you. You must not let yourself be deceived, and you must not deceive yourself. As Pope Benedict XVI said on May 13, 2010: “He deceives himself who thinks the prophetic mission of Fatima is concluded.”

Because the Fatima requests are the definitive solution to defeating the devil and his agents, we must unmask satan’s lies and expose his lying cohorts who are working feverishly against Our Lady’s message of world peace. The only path to that peace and the salvation of countless souls is through exact obedience to Our Lady of Fatima’s solemn requests. We know that the victory of Our Lady over satan—that is to say, Her victory over the errors of Russia—will not be the result of some other message, of some other apparition that has not been approved by the Church.

One of the more sophisticated techniques, or lying tricks, the devil uses to draw good people away from Fatima (and other Church-approved Marian apparitions) is for himself to appear as Our Lady. For example, when the Blessed Virgin came to St. Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858, the devil impersonated Her at 16 or more apparition sites near the French town of Lourdes. St. Paul tells us that “Satan himself transformeth himself into an angel of light.” (2 Cor. 11:14) In the case of Lourdes, the devil transformed himself into the appearance of Our Lady to distract people and pull them away from the true message that Our Heavenly Mother was then giving to St. Bernadette.

We know from the careful consideration of Our Lady’s words that Fatima cannot ever be replaced by any other so-called apparition which pretends to be the continuation of Fatima. Our Lady was very clear when She said: “If My requests (i.e., those requests that She made at Fatima on July 13, 1917) are heeded (i.e., are obeyed by those to whom She put the requests), 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.”

The conditions are unequivocal. They absolutely do not rely on some future apparition. They rest only upon the fulfillment of the Fatima requests. These conditions, above all, concern the release and publication of the full Third Secret of Fatima, the proper Consecration of Russia and the promise to promote the Five First Saturdays devotion.

Why is this book so important at this time? After 35 years of my life, doing everything I can to bring the truth of Fatima to the attention of Catholic priests (I have 160,000 out of 409,000 total Catholic priests on my mailing list), and after writing to 5,000 bishops about ten times a year for the past 25 years, I have come to the realization

that, unless the lies against Fatima are exposed, and unless those “Judases,”—those lying false friends of Fatima—are unmasked, the lies against Fatima will prevail and the devil will win in the near term. It is not only conceivable, but highly probable that 2 to 5 BILLION people will suffer violent deaths in the next five years, because Our Lady predicted that “various nations will be annihilated”. Many of those same souls who will perish, if all comes to pass, will go to hell for all eternity.

I beg you to inform yourself. Do not be deceived by the devil, or by his agents, or by the “useful idiots” who allow themselves to be deceived and, as a result, go about deceiving others.

I beg you to read, intently, every page of this book. If you think the author is mistaken on any point, please write to the publisher or to *The Fatima Crusader*. You will be given further material to prove the point and to answer any specific question.

If too many people refuse to inform themselves and take appropriate action to implement the whole Fatima message in their lives, horrible consequences will befall the entire world. If you inform yourself and act upon this information, Our Lady will protect you in the upcoming conflict.

For those of us who survive beyond what appears to be World War III and the ensuing reign of the Antichrist, we must persevere and cling to Our Lady’s words of hope: “In the end, My Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to Me, and she will be converted, and a certain period of peace will be granted to the world.”

## **Section II**

### **FATIMA’S PROPHEPIC TRUTH MORE URGENT AND NECESSARY THAN EVER**

The Kingdom of God, which is the Holy Roman Catholic and Apostolic Church, is compared by Our Lord to a field in which seeds are sown. The farmer and his helpers sow good seed in anticipation of a bountiful harvest, but while they are sleeping an enemy enters the field and sows bad seed. The good seed springs up, but is often choked out by the weeds.

This is the situation in the Catholic Church today. The good seed—the Faith of all time, the seed of the Word Incarnate—has been sown in the hearts of the faithful by baptism, and by the sound doctrine and dogma handed down by the Apostles in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. This “Deposit of the Faith” is explained and defined by the dogmatic definitions of the twenty dogmatic Ecumenical Councils of the Church before the year 1960—a very fateful year for the Church and the world, as the Third Secret of Fatima warns.

Since the Second Vatican Council, which had been announced in 1959—the year before the Secret was to have been revealed by order of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but was suppressed instead—the devil and his fallen angel cohorts have managed to sow bad seed in the field of the Church, just as the parable foretells.

They have done so by infiltration, employing human followers of various ranks and commitment to the devil's ends. Unfaithful priests and bishops—how the world delights in the spectacle!—have brought public scandal to the Church.

Over the past half-century, the hearts and minds of many who still consider themselves the faithful the world over have been corrupted by ideas, attitudes and desires which are contrary to the Gospel and to the dogmas, doctrines, practices and observances that make up the fullness of the Catholic Faith.

We know from Sacred Scripture that all of God's revelations to mankind, the Deposit of Faith of all the truths He revealed for our salvation, are not to be found *only* in the Bible.

We have the teaching of St. John's Gospel: "But there are also many other things which Jesus did, which, if they were written every one, the world itself, I think, would not be able to contain the books that should be written." (John 21:25)

St. Paul tells the Corinthians: "And the rest I will set in order when I come." (1 Cor. 11:34)

Obviously, the entire Deposit of Faith is not written in the Bible. Pope Leo XIII points out that if the Fathers of the Church agree unanimously on a certain point, it is because they learned it from the Apostles. Thus, the unanimous teaching of the Fathers binds us all to believe that teaching is a part of the Deposit of Revelation—even if it is not in the Bible itself. Obviously, that teaching is part of Sacred Tradition.

To be precise, Sacred Tradition with a capital T means all the truths that God has revealed to us in a supernatural manner but are not found explicitly in Sacred Scripture. As the First Vatican Council declared definitively, citing the Council of Trent: "supernatural revelation, according to the belief of the universal Church, as declared by the sacred council of Trent, is contained in written books and unwritten traditions..."<sup>a</sup>—that is, the books of the Bible and the oral teaching of the Apostles handed down to us.

Thus the twin sources of authentic Revelation are the Holy Bible and Sacred Tradition.

It is the duty of the Church to preserve and pass on to each generation the Sacred Deposit of Faith, that is, to pass on all the Sacred Scriptures—the Bible—as well as all Sacred Tradition, whole and entire with no mixture of falsehood in it.

<sup>a</sup> Denzinger 787.

The role of the Catholic Church’s Magisterium (from the Latin word *magister*, meaning “teacher”) is to explain what the Bible and Tradition means. It is not the role of the Magisterium to reveal new doctrine, as the First Vatican Council teaches infallibly.

Nor is every word that comes from a Pope or a Council part of the Magisterium, but only that teaching is bound to be believed which is solemnly defined by the Extraordinary Magisterium or which is taught by the Ordinary and Universal Magisterium.

But the Catholic religion is not merely a set of truths to be believed, as vital as these are for salvation. It is also a great ensemble of received and approved practices, devotions and observances—above all, the received and approved rite of Mass in Latin, whose origins go all the way back to the Apostles themselves. Hence, for example, Pope Pius IV prescribed a profession of Faith which declares: “It behooves us unanimously and inviolably to observe the ecclesiastical traditions, whether codified or simply retained by *the customary practice* of the Church.”<sup>b</sup>

These “ecclesiastical traditions” support, affirm and reinforce belief in the revealed truths that are necessary for our salvation. Communion on the tongue while kneeling, for example, affirms and reinforces belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. So, to be good Catholics and to properly practice our Catholic religion, we must believe with our heart and profess with our tongue all of the Catholic Faith—which consists of all the truths that God has revealed to us in the Deposit of Faith, on the one hand, and to observe all the practices and observances handed down through the centuries which surround and protect those truths, on the other hand.

To tamper with the latter in the name of “reform” or “updating” of the Church is to threaten the adherence of the faithful to the former: *lex orandi, lex credendi*—the law of prayer is the law of belief. Hence, if one wishes to undermine belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, one need only give the appearance of “authorizing” Communion in the hand, passing out the consecrated Hosts as if they were pieces of mere bread, rather than what they actually are: the most sacred and precious Objects on earth.

Now, some of the Catholic faithful, praying the Rosary daily as Our Lady of Fatima requested again and again, have seen the danger to Tradition—to our Faith—and have been more successful in immunizing their hearts, minds and wills from “the smoke of Satan”—*the very words of Pope Paul VI* concerning what he saw invading the Church after the Second Vatican Council. It was then that both the truths of revelation and the practices and observances surrounding them were already under fierce attack. But many others have not been so fortunate.

<sup>b</sup> Denzinger 995-996.

As St. Paul teaches us in Sacred Scripture, when a false idea or teaching reaches a critical level of acceptance among members of the Church, a party or faction will emerge around it. His epistle to the members of the Church at Corinth is precisely a warning against factions or schisms in the Church whose effects are disastrous locally, and even universally.

The most famous example in Church history of an error being accepted as truth throughout most of the Catholic world is the Arian crisis, during which Saint Athanasius almost singlehandedly held onto the Catholic Faith whole and entire and successfully passed it on to future generations, while some ninety percent of the bishops had fallen into the error of Arianism, which denied the true divinity of Christ.

St. Athanasius was even “excommunicated” for a time by Pope Liberius in 357 A.D.. Yet it is St. Athanasius who was shown to be in the right and is today proclaimed a Doctor of the Church and a canonized Saint, while Pope Liberius was the first Pope from 33 A.D. until 357 A.D., an age filled with martyr-popes, *not* to be canonized.

Today, we see the Church divided on a scale similar to that of the Arian crisis, but over much more than one divine truth. We have modernists, neo-modernists, progressives, liberals, and deniers of papal infallibility or some other dogma or doctrine. Between them all, however, they either deny, or undermine, or soften, or abandon, almost every element of the Faith.

Pope Benedict XVI himself is forced to admit this. As he declared in his homily just before the papal conclave that elected him:

How many winds of doctrine have we known in recent decades, how many ideological currents, how many ways of thinking.... [T]he thought of many Christians has often been tossed about by these waves—flung from one extreme to another: from Marxism to liberalism, even to libertinism; from collectivism to radical individualism; from atheism to a vague religious mysticism; from agnosticism to syncretism and so forth. Every day new sects spring up, and what St. Paul says about human deception and the trickery that strives to entice people into error (cf. Eph. 4:14) comes true.

Today, having a clear faith based on the Creed of the Church is often labeled as fundamentalism. Whereas relativism, that is, letting oneself be “tossed here and there, carried about by every wind of doctrine”, seems the only attitude that can cope with modern times. We are building a dictatorship of relativism that does not recognize anything as definitive and whose ultimate goal consists solely of one’s own ego and desires.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Homily at Votive Mass for Election of a Pope, April 18, 2005, [http://www.vatican.va/gpII/documents/homily-pro-eligendo-pontifice\\_20050418\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/gpII/documents/homily-pro-eligendo-pontifice_20050418_en.html)

The people who generate these “winds of doctrine” and belittle adherence to the Creed as “fundamentalism” form a kind of loose and sometimes even unconscious alliance, to which they more or less adhere depending on how “conservative” or radical their strain of “progressive” Catholicism might be. The author of this book refers to this alliance as “the party of the innovators.” Opposed to the party of the innovators is what the author calls the party of Tradition. These are simply Catholics who cling to the Faith whole and entire, for which the ultimate standard is the defined dogmas of the Church.

This means holding on to the *explanation* of those dogmas (and the rest of the Faith) by all the Popes and Councils who taught for 1,962 years before Vatican II. It means, as well, holding on to the traditional practices and customs of the Catholic Church, which reinforce belief in her doctrines and dogmas.

In the midst of the present-day struggle for the salvation of souls, we see that many souls have been placed in peril by following various “winds of doctrine” and modern attitudes. These departures from the Faith are often fostered by the very priests and bishops—some one-third of them, as a famous prophecy of the Book of the Apocalypse foretells<sup>2</sup> (Apoc. 12:3-4)—who are supposed to be their shepherds on the journey to eternal life.

In fact, those bad clergy are really the sowers of bad seed and the wolves in sheep’s clothing Our Lord warned would come. The victims of bad clergy are now enmeshed in sin; and even if they sense this, they cannot see how to escape from a mentality the Pope rightly describes as one “whose ultimate goal consists solely of one’s own ego and desires.” Contraception, abortion, and divorce are part of the web in which they are entangled. Yet, Jesus Christ is their Savior, Who could unentangle them if they would but completely accept His teaching and His gentle ways.

So, two parties or camps have emerged in the Church since Vatican II: a vast party that has more or less departed from the Faith, like the vast majority of the bishops during the Arian crisis, and a minority party that clings to it, like Saint Athanasius and his small remnant of Catholic faithful. And that is why Our Lady came to Fatima in 1917.

Pope John Paul II, speaking at Fatima before 500,000 pilgrims in 2000, declared before the whole Church that “The message of Fatima is a call to conversion, alerting humanity *to have nothing to do with the ‘dragon’ whose ‘tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven, and cast them to the earth’* (Ap. 12:4).” In what many believe was a veiled indication of the true meaning of the Third Secret, the Pope was making an allusion to the work of the devil, who manages to corrupt

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<sup>2</sup> Cf. Chapters 7 and 9.

some of the clergy by bad doctrine—in our time, Modernism, which the author explains—and bad morals.

The devil drags down “a third of the stars of heaven,” traditionally understood to mean consecrated souls, priests and bishops. The devil’s insidious influence, combined with the lack of a fervent prayer life, cause these clergy to fall, little by little, into an abyss of corruption, and then into heresy, schism and even outright apostasy. The scandals that, consequently, have convulsed the Church in recent years need not be elaborated here.

This is why it is so necessary to be able to identify and oppose with truth what this book calls “the false friends of Fatima.” For the Message of Fatima is a prophecy for our time, and the voice of prophecy is a guide, a vitally important guide, that the faithful *should not, must not* despise. As St. Paul teaches:

“Do not extinguish the spirit. Do not despise prophecy. Test all things and hold fast to that which is good.” (1 Thes. 5:19-21).

Why does God send us prophets if we already have His revelation in the Bible and the teaching office of His Church? Saint Thomas Aquinas, the greatest of all the Doctors of the Church, explains:

The prophets who foretold the coming of Christ could not continue further than John, who with his finger pointed to Christ actually present. Nevertheless as [Saint] Jerome says on this passage, “*This does not mean that there were no more prophets after John.* For we read in the Acts of the Apostles that Agabus and the four maidens, daughters of Philip, prophesied.” ...

[A]t all times there have not been lacking persons having the spirit of prophecy, *not indeed for the declaration of any new doctrine of faith, but for the direction of human acts.*<sup>3</sup>

Note well, Saint Thomas teaches that *at all times* God sends prophets, not to announce new doctrines, but to *direct human acts*. This is necessary because the Church is constantly under attack by the devil, who corrupts Judases among the clergy and the laity—and there but for the grace of God go any one of us! The faithful need a sure guide to direct their actions in confronting the *concrete circumstances* that confront the Church in a given age, and always in a time of crisis when the wrong actions will mean disaster, but the right ones will stay the divine wrath.

Our Lady of Fatima warned that Russia would spread her errors throughout the world. In 1962, Russia negotiated the Vatican-Moscow Agreement, in which the Vatican itself promised to remain silent regarding the errors of Russia. To this day, the Vatican-Moscow Agreement is still in effect and is enforced by the Secretary of State of

<sup>3</sup>*Summa Theologica*, II-II, Q. 174, Art. 6, ad. 3.

the Vatican. Until Russia is consecrated by the Pope and the bishops in the manner Our Lady of Fatima requested, Russia will continue to spread her errors. And as long as the Vatican-Moscow Agreement is not repudiated, the Vatican Secretary of State will enforce it.

Thus, it should not be surprising that the leading false friend of Fatima is the Vatican Secretary of State. Presently, that position is occupied by Cardinal Bertone. Before him, it was Cardinal Sodano and before him, Cardinal Casaroli.

For those souls who do not ardently seek the truth; for those souls who do not make knowing, loving, seeking and defending the truth their first priority, it is easy to see how they can be deceived and being deceived themselves, deceive others.

“He deceives himself who thinks the prophetic mission of Fatima is concluded.” (Pope Benedict XVI)

We may very well have entered into that time foretold by Our Lord in St. Matthew’s Gospel, when “Even the elect would be deceived if that were possible.”

That is why we need the Message of Fatima in this time of unprecedented scandal and confusion in the Church. Our Lady—the ultimate Prophetess, as She is the Mother of God—came to Fatima “to direct human acts” in order to avert disaster for the Church and the world. Her directions include warnings about dangers that threaten the Church and the whole human race as we endure a growing storm *that has shaken the faith and practice of hundreds of millions of Catholics*. And God will not be mocked.

Jesus, foreseeing the coming collapse of faith and discipline in the Church, sent His Mother, the prophetic guide par excellence, to prescribe the means for avoiding it: the Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart and the revelation of the Third Secret of Fatima, in its entirety, for the safety of the Church and all of humanity. In aid of these things, Our Lady also prescribed the praying of the Rosary every day, other mental prayer, doing penance for sin, and the practice of the Five First Saturdays devotion. These are directions for human acts in our time of great peril.

Some reduce the Message of Fatima to just a personal encouragement to prayer, piety and penance. But, there is more to the Message of Fatima than just these appeals to individuals to keep the Ten Commandments and pray the Rosary and other indicated devotions. The Message is also directed to the leaders of the Church—that is, the Pope, the bishops and the priests—to apply and fulfill special commands given to them.

The requests for personal devotion are certainly not spoken enough about from our pulpits, our Catholic schools, our Catholic press and so forth. Rather this part of the Message of Fatima is generally treated by silence or just mentioning it once in a while,

whatever minimum will pass by the faithful. But these requests for personal piety are not contradicted and combatted over and over again like the requests, the commands of Jesus and Mary for the Consecration of Russia and for the release of the whole Third Secret to the faithful in our time.

The devil knows that obedience to these two requests will end his empire here on earth and so he astutely uses various strategies to prevent this obedience. One of his best weapons against the full Fatima Message is to use the technique of false friends of Fatima who are used to get ignorant and badly informed, well-intentioned persons to follow them into joining their faction against Our Lady's real requests.

These false friends mislead the unsuspecting into error about the Consecration of Russia, about the Third Secret and about Our Lady's whole purpose for coming to Fatima in the first place. This book unmasks that very sly technique of the devil and it identifies leading persons who are false friends of Fatima. The author has written other booklets exposing other false friends and these booklets are available from the publisher as well. (See "Further Suggested Reading" on page 277.)

As this book demonstrates, there are false friends of Fatima who profess to embrace the Fatima event, to hold it in the highest esteem, while they are in the act of burying those elements of the Fatima prophecy, especially the Third Secret, which warn of the "winds of doctrine" and other confusions and corruptions that would carry the Catholic faithful away from the refuge of truth, from what Pope Benedict calls "a clear faith based on the Creed of the Church."

Many of these false friends of Fatima may even believe that they possess the clear faith of which Benedict speaks, but "adapted"—their favorite word—to the "modern world"—their favorite phrase—along with the Fatima event itself.

Sincere or not, the false friends of Fatima seek to lead us astray. If not opposed and defeated, they will lead the Church and the world into disaster—not only a massive loss of life on earth, including quite possibly your own life and the lives of your loved ones, but, infinitely worse, the loss of eternal salvation for countless souls—perhaps even your own, and those of the ones you love most dearly.

"If My requests are granted," said Our Lady of Fatima, "many souls will be saved and there will be peace." If the requests are ignored, however, Russia "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."

On these pages you will see that the currently reigning Pope had

suggested again and again that we are facing the very consequences of which Our Lady of Fatima warned. Yet he has been impeded in addressing this emergency by the means Our Lady of Fatima prescribed: the Consecration of Russia and the full disclosure of the Third Secret of Fatima. Those who impede him are found in high places in the Vatican, and are joined by their facilitators below. They are all numbered among those we call the false friends of Fatima, and they must be seen and opposed for what they are.

In the August-September issue of the *Inside the Vatican* magazine, editor Robert Moynihan shared some reminiscences of his late friend, Archbishop Pietro Sambi, who died in July 2011. Archbishop Sambi was Papal Nuncio to the United States, and thus a key attaché of the Vatican Secretariat of State under Cardinal Bertone—the leading figure among the false friends of Fatima. Archbishop Sambi even personally escorted Pope Benedict XVI on his visit to America.

One of the memories Moynihan mentions is a discussion he once had with Archbishop Sambi. This discussion regarded “the Third Secret of Fatima, the allegations that the Vatican has not published the entire text of the Third Secret as revealed to Sister Lucy, and the response of Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, the Vatican Secretary of State, in a book where Bertone states that there is nothing more to be revealed.” At the mention of this issue, Archbishop Sambi did something quite extraordinary:

Sambi said, “Excuse me.” He got up, went out of the room, and came back with a book. “Here,” he said. “Do you know this book? You should read it.” It was Christopher Ferrara’s *The Secret Still Hidden*. “Wait,” I said. “You are the Pope’s representative in the US, and you are urging me to read a book that questions what the Secretary of State wrote?” Sambi replied: “All I am saying is that there are interesting things worth reading in this book. And in the end, we are all after the truth, aren’t we? The truth is the important thing...”<sup>3a</sup>

Thus, even a high-ranking member of the Vatican Secretariat of State was willing to listen to the truth about the Third Secret of Fatima; he took the time to read a book demonstrating that his superior was involved in covering up that truth, even though the author holds no office or prestigious position in the Church. For the truth *is* the important thing. And that is why this book was written.

Father Nicholas Gruner  
 Friday, July 13, 2012  
 95th Anniversary of Our Lady’s Message  
 that humanity is at a crucial crossroads:  
 either world peace or enslavement and annihilation.

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<sup>3a</sup> Robert Moynihan, *Inside the Vatican*, August-September 2011.