

FIRST SATURDAY COMMUNIONS OF REPARATION & THE TRIUMPH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

“A Gift for Our Lady”

TO BE PRESENTED DURING THE 2017 CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF HER APPARITIONS AT FATIMA

The year 2017 will mark the 100th anniversary of Our Heavenly Mother’s apparitions at Fatima during which she revealed that God wishes devotion to her Immaculate Heart to be established in the world, and that it would be the key to the salvation of souls and world peace. Today we are keenly aware that enormous numbers of souls are engaged in all manner of unspeakable sinful behavior which places the salvation of their souls in peril; and world peace remains an elusive dream.

TWO FATIMA REQUESTS OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE

While all of Our Lady’s Fatima requests are important, two are of particular significance. Mother told us that she would return to ask for the collegial consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart; and for the Communion of Reparation on First Saturdays. On December 10, 1925 she returned to ask for the Communion of Reparation; and on June 13, 1929 for the collegial consecration of Russia.

Blessed John Paul II honored Mother’s request for the collegial consecration of Russia on March 25, 1984. Within seven short years Divine Grace enlightened the minds, convicted the hearts, and fortified the wills of world leaders whose responses to it led to the cessation of imposed Atheism and persecution of the Church in Russia, and the onset of her conversion. To any objective observer, this was an obvious triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

WHY DOES THE CONVERSION OF RUSSIA REMAIN INCOMPLETE?

The core objective of the consecration was not Russia’s conversion. It was a defeat of Atheism. Russia’s conversion would have been the means to this end had the consecration been done when requested, and she would not have spread the errors of atheism throughout the world. Unfortunately, the consecration was not done when requested, and the errors of Atheism have corrupted the entire world. It is precisely because Blessed John Paul II recognized this core objective –a defeat of Atheism - that he included all the nations of the world in the consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary along with Russia in 1984.

THE REQUEST FOR THE COMMUNIONS OF REPARATION ON FIRST SATURDAYS IS NOT BEING SUFFICIENTLY HONORED.

Although its practice was once widespread, it has fallen off

sharply during the past forty-five years. This insufficiency is among the primary reasons why progress in Russia’s conversion is slow, peace continues to elude us, and the rest of the world continues to manifest the sinful behaviors of Atheism. Our Lady returned to ask for two things. One has been done. The other, despite its vital importance, is today left wanting.

WE HAVE ALL BEEN CALLED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A SPECIAL WAY. WE MUST ANSWER THAT CALL. NOW!

The World Apostolate of Fatima, USA has initiated a campaign it hopes and prays will result in a dramatic increase in the practice of the Devotion of the First Saturday Communion of Reparation on the part of the Catholic Faithful- an increase so spectacular that it will, finally, sufficiently satisfy Our Lady’s request, and lead to the establishment of devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary throughout the world which heaven so ardently desires.

AN ANNIVERSARY GIFT FOR OUR LADY

If the campaign is successful, it will produce a magnificent gift for all of us to offer Our Mother during the 2017 celebration of the 100th anniversary of her apparitions at Fatima.

**THE SUCCESS OF THE CAMPAIGN AND THE
READINESS OF THE GIFT DEPEND UPON US!**

HOW TO PRACTICE THE DEVOTION OF THE FIRST SATURDAY COMMUNIONS OF REPARATION

What to do – With the specific intention of making reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. Make a good confession.
2. Receive Holy Communion.
3. Pray five decades of the Rosary, meditating on either the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful or Glorious Mysteries.
4. Spend 15 additional minutes in meditation on one, several, or all of the Mysteries of the Rosary.

REQUIRED DISPOSITIONS OF MIND AND HEART:

Jesus said to Sister Lucia: “*My daughter, the motive is simple – there are 5 ways in which people offend and blaspheme against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*” These 5 ways are the basis of the required dispositions.

1ST FIRST SATURDAY – to make reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception.

2ND FIRST SATURDAY – to make reparation for blasphemies against Our Lady’s perpetual virginity.

3RD FIRST SATURDAY – to make reparation for blasphemies against Our Lady’s Divine Maternity by those who refuse, at the same, time to accept her as the Mother of all mankind.

4TH FIRST SATURDAY – to make reparation for the sins of those who try publicly to implant in children’s hearts indifference, contempt and even hate against our Immaculate Mother.

5TH FIRST SATURDAY – to make reparation for those who insult Our Lady directly in her sacred images.

WHEN TO DO IT:

The ideal is on the first Saturday itself. Seldom do the Rosary and 15 additional minutes of meditation on its mysteries pose a problem. The Confession and reception of Holy Communion, however, are often difficult and sometimes impossible. Divine Mercy is generous in this regard. Our Lord’s final words to Sister Lucia during the last of the apparitions pertaining to this devotion dealt with its proper practice. He told her that those who could not accomplish all the requirements of the devotion on Saturdays could do so on the Sundays following.

Reception of Holy Communion during a Vigil Mass on a first Saturday fulfills this requirement when making reparation to Mary’s Immaculate Heart is intended. The Confession can be made up to eight days before, or as soon after the first Saturday as possible. Jesus told Lucia that, if the intention was forgotten during a Confession after the first Saturday, it could be done at the next Confession taking advantage of the first opportunity. The Church, to which Fatima has been entrusted through the keys given by Jesus to Peter, and mirroring His disposition of accommodation in difficult circumstances, discourages too strict an application of insignificant details in the practice of such devotions.

THE PROMISE ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVOTION:

Our Lady promised to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who practice this devotion on five successive first Saturdays.

WHY THIS DEVOTION SHOULD BECOME A LIFE-LONG PRACTICE:

1. Genuine Christian Charity compels us to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of the highest good of our neighbors. As long as there is even one neighbor on the road to perdition, charity compels us to make reparation for their sins so that they, at the hour

of their death, may receive the graces necessary for salvation. Each time we complete a series of five First Saturday Communion of Reparation we earn these graces for our neighbors.

2. One of the most fundamental of Our Lady’s Fatima requests was that we pray, do penance and make sacrifices in reparation for the sins of poor souls who are headed for hell. Doing this should become part of the very fabric of every day of our lives.

THE DISPOSITION OF HOLY MOTHER CHURCH TOWARD THIS DEVOTION

The Church has, in the past, enthusiastically promoted the practice of this devotion. This is not, however, the case in many places today, essentially because of the decline in Marian Piety and devotional life in general during the past forty-five years. But the Church is always attentive to the needs and desires of the Faithful. It is frequently a manifestation of those needs and desires in the form of an ever increasing practice of a particular devotion which motivates her to promote it. We are confident that, as our Priests, Bishops and the Pope observe the increase in the practice of this devotion on the part of the Catholic Faithful, the Church will, once again, enthusiastically promote it on a global scale.

WILL YOU ANSWER MOTHER’S CALL?

WILL YOU HONOR HER REQUEST?

WILL YOU HELP US SPREAD THIS DEVOTION?

HERE’S HOW!

If the explanation above is understood, please begin practicing the devotion, and notify our National Coordinator so that your contribution to Our Lady’s gift can be included in the package we will present to her at Fatima in 2017. If you need more information or have questions, please contact:

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