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TO
CRUSADER 100

A Message from Father Gruner



Now and then we reach a milestone in our lives: a special event that invites us to pause and look back on the path we have trod and look forward to the distance we have yet to travel.

The publication of this 100th commemorative edition of *The Fatima Crusader* is such an event for me and, perhaps, for some of you who have traveled this long road with me these past 33 years.

The first emotion that wells up in me as I consider all that has gone into the fight to keep alive Our Lady's Message through *The Fatima Crusader* is gratitude. Above all, my thanks go to Jesus and Mary!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all my staff, who have stood by me through thick and thin; who have never wavered, even when it seemed that all the odds were against us. I have included a section in this supplement to introduce you to some of them.

I am also grateful to you – The Friends of Fatima – for all your prayers and all your work and your moral and financial support. You have my thanks, the thanks of our staff, and, most importantly, the thanks of Our Lady.

We are able to publish *The Fatima Crusader* because of 2 things: Our Lady's blessing and your generosity.

If either are withdrawn, we would cease to function. Actually, one is dependent on the other: If Our Lady did not bless this work, you would not be moved by grace to contribute to it.

You are singled out by grace. You know about Fatima. You are being invited by Our Lady to continue even more to be part of this holy cause.

Our Lady exists both in time and in eternity. In Heaven, She is ever blissful, gazing on the face of Her Son. When She comes to Her children on Earth, She is still glowing with that everlasting love, and She comes to help us and to draw us even closer into that love.

The Message of Fatima is, above all else, an invitation to join Our Lord and Our Lady in this embrace of eternal love.

The Fatima Crusader, with your help, with your prayers, with your unflagging devotion, will continue to shine in this dark world as a beacon of truth and a flame of eternal love.

Father Nicholas Gruner

P.S. Of course, our thanks especially go to all the Cardinals, Bishops, Priests and Religious who support us by their prayers, sacrifices and moral support and their Apostolic endeavors.

Congratulations and Encouragement for *The Fatima Crusader's* 100th Edition

Dear Beloved Father!

I knew, by your secretary, the news of the 100th issue of *The Fatima Crusader* magazine: Congratulations!

During many years, your heart beats for the salvation of souls, as Our Lady asks us. In the year 1976, I began to work with Our Lady of Fatima, but since October 2001, in Rome with you, during the International Conference "THE LAST CHANCE OF PEACE" I understood better the Fatima Message, to diffuse it more.

Thank you, Father! For your help! Thank you for all I received from you, from your ministry in Rome and Tuy, from your *Fatima Crusader* magazine!

CONGRATULATIONS for the 100th issue for PEACE and SALVATION of souls! God bless you always! Our Lady of Fatima gives you more HEALTH, STRENGTH and HOLINESS!

I pray for you!

Father Pierre Diallo
Burkina Faso



Dear Father Gruner,

Congratulations for the 100th Issue of *The Fatima Crusader* magazine! It has been a work well-done of spreading the Message of Our Lady of Fatima throughout the world! The messages of Our Lady of Fatima, through your magazine, have been very inspiring sources of our belief in Our Lady Mary for all of us here in Malawi who love Mary Our Mother and Her messages of hope as we journey towards our final destination. Once again, congratulations and keep up with the good and up-to-date communication of the Messages of Our Lady of Fatima. Congratulations to the whole editorial team and all contributors of articles about Our Lady Mary to *The Fatima Crusader* magazine. With the help of the Holy Spirit, you did it yesterday, you are doing it today, you will always do it!

Yours in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Father M. Kankhono
Malawi

I am glad to know that *The Fatima Crusader* magazine is going to bring out soon its 100th issue of its publication. I deem myself privileged to be counted one among its vast number of readers and admirers. Being an ardent devotee of Our Lady of Fatima, I find the numerous articles published in the magazine very informative, inspiring and instructive. The magazine has only one aim and ambition – namely, to promote and make known the message and the promises that Our Blessed Mother revealed to the three visionaries of Fatima way back in 1917.

Fr. Gruner, a tireless apostle and courageous crusader of Our Lady, has left no stone unturned to proclaim loud and clear and promote, using every means possible, the Fatima Message far and wide, writing personally so many articles in the magazine. For this he deserves our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation. Like the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, he is very close to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Having had the privilege of meeting him in person at the last Fatima Conference in Rome, I was very much impressed by his simplicity, childlike deep faith and fidelity to the Church in spite of so many controversies. I cherish happy memories of his inspiring and filial devotion to the Blessed Mother, reciting the Rosary on his knees! I pray for the success of his apostolate. As per Her demand made at Fatima may Russia be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart at the earliest! This is my earnest desire and ardent prayer. I wish the centenary celebration of *The Fatima Crusader* magazine God's choicest blessings! May the Immaculate Heart of Mary triumph! May She bless abundantly all those who are in some way or other involved in the publication of this inspiring magazine.

AVE MARIA!!!

Father Xavier Johannes-Bernard
India



Congratulations and more power to the 100th issue of *The Fatima Crusader* magazine. We find a big help in teaching Mariology, particularly the historical account of Our Lady of Fatima as She appeared to the three seers – i.e. Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia – using *The Fatima Crusader* magazine as a tool for learning. I congratulate Fr. Nicholas Gruner for his undying efforts in proclaiming the message of Our Lady of Fatima, particularly for Russia's conversion to the Act of Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima. I am looking forward to "CONSECRATION NOW".

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us. Amen

Fr. Mike B. Adriosula
Philippines

The Fatima Crusader helps me, as a member of the Fatima Movement of Priests, to ever be aware of my responsibility and obligation to support the Holy Father, who is often surrounded by enemies, both within and without, through prayers, as he makes his efforts to consecrate Russia to Our Lady.

The Fatima Crusader reminds me of my crucial influence to my parishioners to enlist their prayers in Our Lady's service. This serves as a conscience, as I carry out my daily pastoral services.

Congratulations on your 100th issue!

Father Remigius Kasawa
Malawi



I am exuberantly happy to learn that you are going to make the 100th issue of *The Fatima Crusader* magazine.

At this historic moment I wholeheartedly congratulate Rev. Fr. Nicholas Gruner for his untiring zeal in spreading the Message of Fatima, his unparalleled devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Fatima, his informative and insightful articles in every issue, his ardent desire to make known the Third Secret of Mother Mary and above all his uncompromising attitude towards the Divine Will.

I gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the great service that all the members of the Fatima staff do for the propagation and promotion of Marian Devotion throughout the world.

Thanking you for your service with love and prayers,

Fr. Joseph Lazar
India



Word of appreciation to Fr. Nicholas Gruner,

The real and the accurate Gospel message reached "Every Corner" only when man began to read. The Message (of Jesus) touched every heart especially from 50 onwards as the education says. But the letters, magazines, pictures about God have a greater impact even to the uncivilized in strengthening the faith. In this regard the issue of *The Fatima Crusader* is really ahead in helping even the Protestants to have faith in Our Lady because they too are reading (it is available on the internet). So for this God-given opportunity, I would like to congratulate

Rev. Fr. Nicholas Gruner for his strenuous work in publishing his 100th issue of *The Fatima Crusader*.

Thanks and hearty congratulations, dear Father Nicholas Gruner.

With prayers,

Fr. Inti Xavier
Andhra Pradesh, India



Many thanks to Father Nicholas Gruner and his associates for keeping alive attention to the unfulfilled requests of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1917 at Fatima, Portugal. The Popes and their advisers will have much to answer for on Judgment Day for their failure to fulfill these requests from the Mother of God. Hopefully they will do what She asks before the world will suffer the consequences for their failure to act.

Rev. Raymond V. Dunn, OSJ
USA



Congratulations to *The Fatima Crusader* for its 100th faithful edition. Blessings on Father Nicholas Gruner, the indomitable Captain of the ship. God prosper it as a Cruiser to His truth, a Destroyer for His enemies and a Battleship for future engagements.

Father Stephen Somerville
USA and Canada



Dear Respected & Rev. Fr. Gruner,

I am very happy to tell you that the Indian readers of your *Crusaders* are delighted by your writings. Your *Crusaders* are elegant, informative, and devotion provoking. It is great news for the readers in India. Readers, both the clergy and lay, do support you, Fr. Gruner, for the vast knowledge about the Fatima Message and your firm stand on the “Secret yet to be revealed”. The learned Catholics here treat you as the only person in the world who has the thorough knowledge about the Message of Fatima. In fact the people look on you as a saintly person and do pray for you too from cities to villages in India.

Wherever I visit and distribute the *Crusaders* and the other devotion propagation materials, I could see in their eyes the gratitude

each one has for you and the Fatima Apostolate.

Your *Crusaders* are a source of vast information for the readers in India. People are very eager to read *Fatima Crusaders*. The number of enquiries I get from readers as to **when will be the next *Crusaders* show the interest the Indian readers have towards your writings.** I, representing the clergy and lay in India, wish you **Congratulations, Prayers** and all the very best, dear Father, in all your future endeavors. Let the *Crusader* issue 100 be a milestone in the Fatima Message.

Sincerely Yours in Our Lady of Fatima,

Father Justin

India



“To look is one thing,
To see what you look at is another.
To understand what you see is a third.
To learn from what you understand is still something else.
But to act on what you learn is all that really matters.”

By this little quotation of John Eldredge, I wish that our readers of the 100th issue of *The Fatima Crusader* magazine will help to act for all of us the TITANIC WORKS of our Rev. Fr. Nicholas Gruner. Congratulations, dear Father, we wish you a milestone ahead and pray to Our Lord to bless you and your staff. May God bless you always.

Fr. Blaise Mascarenhas, SFX, Pilar Father

Goa Province – Society of Pilar

India



To our dearest Father Gruner,

I admire your very courageous efforts to realize the requests Our Lady of Fatima asked of us.

Your journey in this matter has been full of challenges. You have faced them all with courage and determination (certainly bestowed on you by Our Lady of Fatima).

My prayers are with you, dearest Father Gruner.

I also appreciate all in your team – they are all wonderful people with a “fire” in them to see that Our Lady’s dreams come true.

God bless you all.

Father Anthony Cyril

Sri Lanka

A great admirer and friend of Fr. Gruner.

Get to know some of Our Staff...

Denise Beaulieu

Denise is in charge of Apostolate Services. She has 3 grown children and 3 grandchildren. Denise has worked for the Apostolate for 22 years, taking on many roles over the years, supervising staff and making sure that everything runs smoothly.

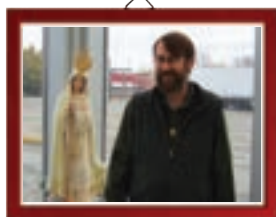


Caloy Bernardo

Caloy is our Philippines office manager. The Philippines office was one of the first two international offices. Caloy has successfully managed to build a base of support in the Philippines which has made that office our most self-sufficient of all the international offices. He has worked for the Fatima Center for 20 years.

Roland Bushey

Roland has worked for The Fatima Center in Constable for a total of 23 years. He prepares the outgoing mail for shipments and he does odd jobs that the apostolate needs. Roland has two grown children – a son and a daughter, and he has one grandson.



Joseph Cain

Joseph is a translator, proofreader and content verifier. He also does Bishop Lobbying which causes him to travel extensively. He is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish. Joseph has been with us for 15 years.

Deborah Clarke

Debbie has been with the Apostolate for almost 18 years and continues part-time as the Apostolate typesetter for *The Fatima Crusader* magazine and various other projects for print. She has a daughter in University.



Connie Cook

Connie is the voice at the end of our 1-800-263-8160 number. She takes thousands of orders every month as well as taking prayer requests and tracing lost orders. Connie has been at The Fatima Center for 22 years. She has 2 grown daughters.



Jeanette Cross

Jeanette is our Supervisor of the Response Team. She has assured that all of our Canadian and foreign orders go to shipping in an efficient manner for 19 years. She has 3 grown sons and one grandson.

Harry Currie

Harry is our computer programmer extraordinaire. For the last 15 years he has made what was impossible, possible – like linking all our offices and being able to exchange information daily. Harry has 1 daughter.

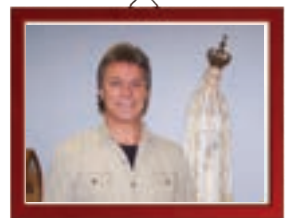


Liz Dundas

Liz is one of the “behind the scenes” people who has worked for Plant Services for more than 19 years. She runs the industrial folder and trimmer.

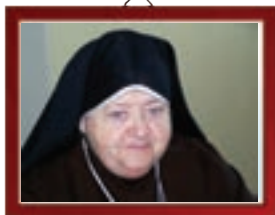
Pete Dychtiar

Peter started in 1986. He announced our radio program “Heaven’s Peace Plan”, and he directed and edited our TV show, “Fatima: The Moment Has Come”. He traveled extensively with Father Gruner, and is currently the Station Manager for TV in Rome, and Director and Producer for the station in Canada. Peter is the father of four grown children.



Julie Fehr

Julie is in charge of Ecclesiastical contact, keeping in touch with hundreds of bishops and thousands of priests. She also looks after Mass Stipends, as well as our India Office and the Orphanage. She has 2 grown children and has been with us for 20 years.

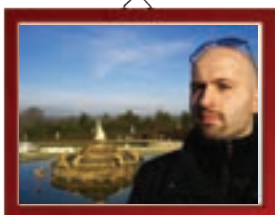


Sister Jane Frances

Sister was actually the first staff member. She started working for Father in Ottawa and then moved to Fort Erie when he did. She has done many jobs at the Fatima Center over the years.

Alessandro Fuligni

Alessandro is our first office manager in our Rome, Italy office. He has assisted with many Rome projects including our Bishops Conferences. He continues to assist with projects and is our translator for our apostolate's Italian books and other literature as well as for our Italian Fatima TV programs. He has worked for our apostolate for 13 years.



Coralie Graham

Coralie is the editor of *The Fatima Crusader* and also in charge of television. She has been with the Apostolate for 27 years. She has a son and 2 teenage grandchildren. Coralie has done most everything at the apostolate, at one time or another.

Bob Harting

Bob runs the Press Department and also does prepress. He keeps all the machinery running and does all the maintenance on the printing equipment himself. He's been known to keep a press running using chewing gum and tin foil. Bob has 2 teenage daughters and has been with the Apostolate for 18 years.



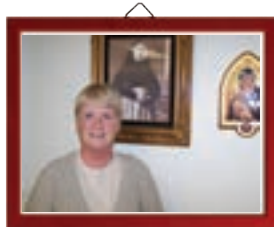
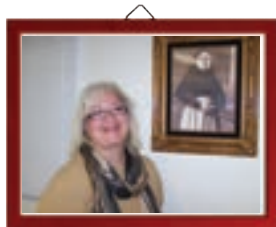
Gary Hirons



Gary is a proofreader and researcher here at the Fatima Center. He can pretty much find anything that was ever written about Fatima and verify quotes from that material. His attention to detail is amazing and very important to us. Gary is retired now but still comes in to help out and has been here for 17 years.

Loretta Humphrey

At present Loretta is Coralie's assistant and also looks after the web book stores. Over the many, many years she has done various jobs here. Loretta and her husband (who also works here) have 3 grown children and 1 grandchild.

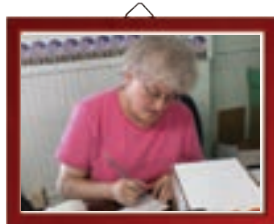


Darlene Jackson

Darlene has been Father Gruner's personal secretary for more than 10 years. She has 4 grown children (2 sets of twin girls) and 6 grandchildren. Darlene has a knack for finding things for Father, even notes he wrote years ago on napkins or scraps of paper.

Julie Jones

Julie is the Business Manager for the Apostolate. She does all the purchasing and negotiating of prices. Julie came to work at the Apostolate part time when she was 16. After she finished school she became full time and has been here ever since – 20 years – which is more than half her life. Julie has one teenage son.



Sandra Lamitie

Sandra has been with The Fatima Center in Constable in the shipping department for 19 years. She has 2 grown daughters, 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild, for which she is very proud of them all.

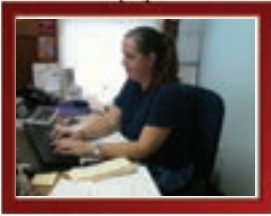
Michael Longval

Michael is our General Manager, and travels extensively with and for Father. He has been with the Apostolate for 18 years. Michael has 3 children, a girl and 2 boys.



Paulette Martin

Paulette has been with The Fatima Center in Constable for 21 years. She has done numerous jobs throughout the years. She is, and has been, manager of our U.S. office in Constable, NY for the past 11 years. She has a wonderful husband, two grown daughters, 1 grandson, 1 granddaughter and another grandchild on the way.



Julian Maxwell

Julian looks after Mass Stipends. He is very organized and an excellent record keeper. He also helps with driving when needed. He has been here for 15 years.

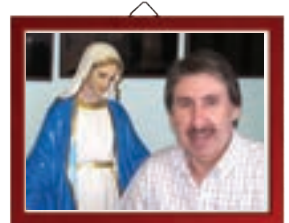


Nadine McCartney

Deannie has been here since 1988, working in the TV & Radio Department. During that time she has left to have and raise her 3 children, 2 girls and a boy, but has always returned.

Michael Morrin

Mike is in charge of Plant Services, which includes the press department, the drivers, packaging and shipping, international shipments, inventory, as well as Canada and US Customs. He and his wife emigrated here from England with their 4 children including twins and he's been at The Fatima Center for 17 years.





Heather Pye

Heather is our Ecclesiastical input expert. She has recorded into our computer system thousands of ecclesiastical records from all over the world. Heather has 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren. She has worked at The Fatima Center for 17 years.

Dianne Sansano

Dianne has been opening mail and doing banking for 16 years. She also has other administrative duties. Dianne has 3 grown sons.



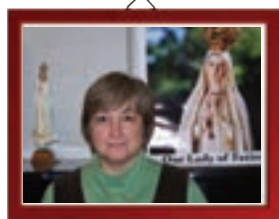
Mary Sedore

Mary has been with Father Gruner since the beginning. She's often been heard telling people "I came to help out for a couple of weeks and I'm still here". It's been almost 25 years now. Mary led pilgrimages for years and was a welcoming sight at Rosary Rallies. She has 2 grown daughters, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.



Joanna Swords

Joanna Swords oversees international free distribution of our apostolate literature and sacramentals. This includes managing our Fatima Center Volunteer Department and our apostolate shipping departments. She is liaison for a number of our international offices, some of which she helped establish or grow. She works on developing new pieces of Fatima Center literature. She is one of the initial Fatima Center volunteers (since 1995).



Andrea Thomas

Andrea has been with us from the start. She has filled many roles for almost 25 years but for the last decade she's been reading ecclesiastical mail, doing data input and making sure that bishops and priests get what they need and want. Andrea has 2 grown sons and 2 grandchildren.



Linda Tackney

Linda has been in charge of orders and shipping in Canada for many years. She has been at the Apostolate for 18 years. She also takes care of International and Ecclesiastical shipping.



*Please give generously to
The Fatima Center to support
The Fatima Crusader
and its widespread distribution.*

A Beacon of Faith that Reaches Millions

Congratulations to Father Nicholas Gruner and the staff of *The Fatima Crusader* on its 100th edition! Given the innumerable problems through the years, it is a feat short of miraculous! This journal, reaching millions of people worldwide, has led to the conversion of many Catholics from liberalism to orthodoxy because it has promoted with single-mindedness the complete un-politically correct Message of Our Lady of Fatima. It seems that Our Lady of Fatima blesses those who spread and obey Her requests by leading them into the Light, whilst those who reject them slide into the darkness of today's confused Catholicism. May the *Crusader* continue to be a beacon for the Faith, spreading the unadulterated Message of Fatima for as long as Our Blessed Mother requires!

Cornelia R. Ferreira
Author
Canada

“Mary, Mary, and Mary”

Once I asked a convert friend of mine what it was that kept Protestants from converting to the Catholic Church. He said, “Three things.” When I asked him what those three things were, he said, “Mary, Mary, and Mary.” I believed him. He was simply testifying to what he had run into continually as a Protestant over many years time. How should we respond to this “obstacle” in the way of an embrace of the Faith by so many? We know how many so-called Catholics have responded to this “problem” since Vatican II. They have minimized Our Lady’s position in Catholic life and Catholic doctrine. It seems to me that this response is exactly the opposite of the one we should give to this situation. In this regard, we cannot be “Marian” enough.

In our own 21st Century, we need not “fetch” for arguments in favor of Our Lady’s importance in the life of the Church, in the life of the individual faithful soul, and in the everyday life of the world itself. She Herself, in the Fatima apparitions and in the Miracle of the Sun on October 13, 1917, demonstrated in the most clear and convincing way possible, the favor which She enjoys at the side of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In this regard, let us not forget two very significant things about the events that occurred at Fatima from May to October 1917. On July 13, 1917, Our Lady said to the three children of Fatima, “In October, I will say who I am and what I want and *I will work a miracle so that all may believe.*”

Notice, “*I will work a miracle.*” Our Lady would be the one who would perform the most publicly spectacular miracle since the Resurrection. And just like the Resurrection, its time would be predicted with perfect exactness. Who is this Woman who can even command the sun? It was at Her efficacious gesture that the “Dance of the Sun” began. As Sister Lucy reported, “Opening Her hands, She made them reflect on the sun, and as She went up the reflection of Her own light continued to project itself on the sun.”

Congratulations to *The Fatima Crusader* for its 100th issue. Fr. Gruner and *The Fatima Crusader* give to the Fatima Message the serious and constant concern that Our Lady demands.

Peter E. Chojnowski, Ph.D.
Professor of Philosophy
USA

Some Fatima Crusader Contributors



John Vennari

John is a writer, researcher, speaker and well known catechist. He has been writing for *The Fatima Crusader* for many years. He is the editor of *Catholic Family News*. John and his wife Susan live in Buffalo, NY with their three children.

Father Paul Kramer

Lecturer and author of numerous articles on the Catholic Faith, Father Kramer has been a contributor to *The Fatima Crusader* for more than 20 years. Father received his B.Ph., S.T.B. from the Angelicum in Rome and his Master of Divinity at Holy Apostles College in CT.



Christopher A. Ferrara

Chris is President and Chief Counsel of the American Catholic Lawyers Association. He has written extensively on Catholic issues and for The Fatima Center for many years. He and his wife Wendy have 6 children and live in New Jersey.

Edwin Faust

Ed is a Catholic essayist, speaker and commentator. His articles have appeared in many Catholic publications as well as *The Fatima Crusader* magazine. He recently retired from a career in the secular press as a reporter and a news editor. Ed and his wife have three sons.



Andrew Cesanek

Andrew has written articles for *The Fatima Crusader* as well as doing research and proofreading. He works for The Fatima Center as the content editor for our many web sites. Andrew has become an expert on Fatima research material and is meticulous about what we publish.



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