

WE MUST LOVE THE TRUTH SEEK the Truth, EMBRACE the Truth, DEFEND the Truth, INSIST upon the Truth

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To explain ourselves best of all, we need to reflect upon some philosophical and theological truths. The truth, in fact, is what is the essence of the problem.

As I see it, some people seem to think that the Fatima Message, when it promotes devotion to Our Lady and the Saints of God, is in some way counter to, or against the prophetic Fatima Message which calls for the Consecration of Russia and calls for the release of the full Third Secret.

In other words, some of those who are devoted to Our Lady somehow think that we are being disloyal to Our Lady when we ask the Pope to do

the consecration, or when we ask the Pope to release the full text of the Third Secret. Of course, when put this simply, it has to be clear that there is no real opposition between the prophetic Message of Fatima and the devotional Message of Fatima.

But why is it that this false opposition is promoted by people claiming to love Our Lady of Fatima? And the answer to that question seems to be very simple.

It is because they really do not understand the essential duty that each of us has, to love the truth. And in fact, the more we love Our Lady truly, the more we will love the truth. Jesus said of Himself, I

am the way, I am the truth. He also said, "Every one that is of the truth hears My voice." (Jn. 18:37)

So this talk really is about our obligation to love the truth and we must do this especially regarding the prophetic Message of Fatima.

To Love the Truth Is the Most Important Thing

We're told in the second chapter of the Second Letter to the Thessalonians that the Antichrist comes because the Catholic faithful stop loving the truth. That is because we cannot really love God if we do not love the truth; we cannot really love ourselves if we do not love the truth and we cannot love our neighbor if we do not love the truth.

Now, it is true that there can be a zeal for the truth which is full of pride and which lacks charity but we must understand the relationship between truth and charity.

If we are to love our neighbor we must will the good to our neighbor. If we are to love God above all else, then we must will the highest good, the supreme good to God. But we cannot will the good if we do not know what the good is. We cannot love our neighbor if we have a wrong idea of what is best for him. We

cannot love God if we do not know the truth about God.

Although it can happen that we have a zeal for truth which is without charity, we can never have true charity without love for truth. To love the truth is a virtue that is getting more and more lost in our time.

Lack of Love of Truth Is a Sign of Apostasy

Pope John Paul II said that there is a silent apostasy in our time. And that is because there is a lack of love of the truth.

Sacred Scripture tells us that the Great Apostasy must come before the Antichrist comes; but before you have the Great Apostasy, you must have the loss of the love for truth.

Now, what does this have to do with our topic today? It has everything to do with it. Yesterday, in one of our conference speeches, we heard a very polite and gentle lecture about loyalty to the Holy Father and loyalty to the Holy See and loyalty to the Secretary of State.

Contrary to what some ill-informed Vatican press insiders say, I do love the Pope. I love him more than most of his counselors do, if not all of them, and I don't say that

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lightly. Frankly, I think I love Cardinal Bertone more than he loves himself and I love my fellow men.

It is because of this love for God and neighbor that I have spent 34 years of my life doing this work. The reason I work so hard and long is because I know the truth about Fatima and what will befall the Pope and bishops if they don't obey Our Lady of Fatima very soon. Yet, I am judged as hating them because they don't know the truth themselves.

Although there's much talk about dialogue, there hasn't been any real dialogue for the last 34 years of my life. It's not that I have been refusing to participate, but frankly, every effort I have made to reach them has been rebuffed up to now.

Opposition to Fatima Peace Conferences

We've had now 11 Bishops Peace Conferences, inviting all the bishops in the world – 1985, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010

and 2011 – and there’s hardly been one conference that we’ve not been lied about to the bishops.

But they didn’t stop at just the lies. I will give you just a few of their tactics:

1992

A bishop here today can confirm that in 1992 we paid for the passage of 100 bishops to come to Fatima but they were met by representatives of the Vatican or the Fatima Shrine right at the airport, almost kidnapping them away from our conference to theirs. 35 unsuspecting bishops did go their way. Some of them found out that neither the Vatican nor the Shrine had any intention of taking care of them and their lodging, and feeding them, and paying for their air transportation.

1994

In 1994 we had a contract with the Mexican Bishops Conference to rent their hall, not far from the Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City. At the last minute, they breached our contract and cancelled it. They at least returned our “guarantee deposit”, but when we did not give up and found another place they again tried to prevent the conference from taking place – this time by going to

the Mexican government and telling them to refuse visas to any bishop who wanted to come to our conference. Out of 120 bishops who wanted to come, because of their unrelenting sabotage, we ended up with only six. That’s what they call dialogue.

1996

In 1996, a Cardinal from the Vatican published falsehoods about our conference, saying that it was not authorized. The fact is, it was and still is authorized. It’s authorized by the law itself. We pointed that out directly and kindly to the Cardinal but to our direct letter to him on this matter, he has refused to answer us – even to this day.

2001

In 2001 we had a contract for a Vatican-controlled hall here in Rome. The week before the conference they cancelled the hall, claiming that there were suddenly structural difficulties. Because of the last minute change we had to rent another hall. As a result, some bishops who travelled to Rome and wanted to attend our conference were not able to find us.

2008

In 2008, a bishop from India informed me that the Nuncio to India literally flew from

Delhi to Madras to do what he could to prevent as many bishops as possible from coming to our conference.

2011

Not surprisingly, in 2011 the word was still being circulated to the bishops to not come to our conference, giving a false impression that the Fatima Center is against the Vatican, is against the Pope, and is against Cardinal Bertone.

We have answered the disinformation, the lies, the false accusations, over and over again – in public and in private – but the response to these facts is always “silence”, or in ignorance, continuing to spread the falsehoods.

Is It Ignorance? Or Is It Bad Will?

The love of truth requires that we seek the truth. It's hard for me to believe, but in charity I will try to believe that this is still just a falsehood and there's no guilt on their part. After all, I'm not their confessor. However, we have tried the best we know how to make the truth known.

To understand this problem better, we need to reflect upon: Where does the love of truth come in? Virtues also have an hierarchy, an hierarchial order between each

of the virtues. St. Paul tells us that charity is the greatest virtue of all. There is no question about that; but charity, as St. Paul says, rejoices in the truth. In fact, if we don't know the truth then as much as we have a good will to love our neighbor or to love God, we don't do it properly.

St. Thomas points out that the first fruit of error, or – another way of saying it – the first fruit of lack of truth, is injustice. If you commit injustice against your neighbor or against God, you don't really love him as you ought to. So, the love of truth and the truth itself is essential.

I have spent approximately 12 years in university. I realize that most people haven't had that kind of time in training, but there's a certain kind of discipline necessary for the process of learning. It's a little bit different from the discipline of physical labor. There are people who are very industrious but when it comes to seeking the truth, they're a little lazy.

Justice and our love of our neighbor requires that we also apply ourselves, apply our minds to learn the truth. Love or the virtue of charity resides in the will primarily and if we truly love our neighbor and love God, we will apply our-

selves sufficiently to learn the truth that we need to know to love our neighbor properly.

In this case, up to now, these Vatican officials have not sought sufficiently to know the truth. The truth is discovered by the intellect. Now, the will has to tell the intellect to look at this and examine this; but if the will won't do that, then, of course, the mind will never discover the truth.

Our Lady Herself Rejected

I would like to emphasize that it is because of the lack of love of truth that the Message of Fatima has been reduced to silence and Our Lady Herself has been rejected.

Pope John Paul II said:

“Can the Mother, Who with all the force of the love that She fosters in the Holy Spirit and Who desires everyone’s salvation, can She remain silent when She sees the very bases of Her children’s salvation undermined?”

The Pope answers his own question and says:

“No, She cannot remain silent.”

Our Obligation To Tell the Truth

That is because, if we love the truth, we are required

to defend it, promote it, and propagate it. But the problem has been that, although Our Lady came and gave the truth, we have not passed it on, we have not loved it.

When I say “we” I’m not necessarily talking about the people in this room, but I’m saying in general that is what the Church has done. Now, there are those who say that we must be quiet because if we’re going to be loyal then we must respect Cardinal Bertone, his predecessors and his successors, and the Pope and anyone else; and we should not embarrass anybody and we should not bother them. But the fact is, if we love the truth, we cannot take that attitude.

If you see a child in danger and you can prevent them from hurting themselves or hurting someone else – through their ignorance or lack of experience or lack of knowledge, or for whatever reason – you have an obligation in charity to tell them in such a way that they understand that it’s serious, it’s not a joke, it’s not something unimportant, and has major consequences.

This is the position we find ourselves in – that there is **no**

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more important Message for our time. There's none with more serious consequences for our time than the Message of Fatima in its completeness and in its fullness. Fatima has been opposed by people who claim to love Our Lady. God knows their heart, I don't intend to judge them. It's just that they claim they love Our Lady but then they love Her wrongly because they will not love Her in the fullness of the truth that She came to give us.

It Is WE Who Love the Pope

Now, it is they who say that we are against the Pope but it is we who are trying to save the Pope's neck, literally. It is the Pope, for example, who was told by Our Lord Himself, that for retarding, for delaying the fulfillment of His command to consecrate Russia, that he personally will follow the King of France into *disgrazia* (as they say in Italian), into misfortune.

The King of France we're talking about is King Louis XVI, who was executed; he was killed as if he were a criminal. What the Vatican released in June 2000, which shows a Pope being killed, is

what Our Lord told us would happen to the Pope for not obeying His command to consecrate Russia. Since no Pope, up to now, has consecrated Russia, that prophetic vision is coming closer and closer to being realized. I am afraid that Pope Benedict XVI, himself, is depicted in that vision of a Pope being killed by soldiers with bullets and arrows. Mr. Tornelli told us yesterday that part of the Third Secret is yet to be fulfilled and that even Cardinal Bertone is agreeing with that. This report is encouraging to me because, for the first time, the Secretary of State is recognizing the truth that the prophetic message of the Third Secret has not yet been fulfilled. Hopefully, this is a sign that the Vatican will finally release the rest of the Third Secret

We MUST Defend the Truth

It would be so wonderful if they would only tell us the rest of the Third Secret. But the fact is, we've been saying this for over 20 years, and as a result of saying this, we've been accused of being against the Pope and against the Vatican. "Don't listen to him, shun him, don't pay attention, don't even talk to him almost." In fact, it was only in 1995 or thereabouts that I was

given brief snippets of letters written against me, starting back in the 1980's, that I had no idea even existed.

Why do I even reply to these lies? Because we have to do our part to promote the Message. And to promote the Message we have to say the truth. So, when people attack us so that the unsuspecting, duped sheep will not listen to the full Fatima Message, then we have an obligation to defend ourselves with the truth so that the Fatima Message will finally be listened to.

The relationship of truth to justice is very clearly seen in a court trial. For example, before a man or woman is sentenced, whether it's a criminal or a civil trial, the first thing is to find out what are the facts of the case, what is the truth of the matter. It's logical that we should do that simply because we can't really give justice if we don't really know what the facts are.

Up to now, although these things had been said about me in public and in private, they have not actually examined the facts. Now, the reason I bring these things up is because, while we are accused of being unloyal or being uncharitable, I dare say the evidence shows that it's the other way around. It is our accusers

who are uncharitable and disloyal to the Pope and the Church. So, we need to have a clear understanding of what our obligations are – not before Father Gruner, not before the Fatima Center but before God and Our Lady. And our first obligation is to love the truth of the Message, to seek the truth of the Message.

Details of Proof

Yesterday, one of the speakers, Mr. Tornelli, mentioned that we go into too much detail so as to lose the big picture. That's an accusation that has been leveled at Christopher Ferrara's book, *The Secret Still Hidden*. But the fact is, if we don't get that detailed when responding to their accusations, then we would be accused of being rash, as having made statements that have no foundation.

So, by all means, if you already know after reading the first chapter of Mr. Ferrara's book that the Secret **is** still hidden, then possibly you don't need to read any more. But for those critics who say: "But you haven't proved it to me yet," we'll give them the details until they understand. They have no excuse that they haven't been given the whole truth about this Message.

Now, this is not to say,

therefore, as Mr. Tornelli seemed to insinuate at first, that we're therefore calling the Pope or Cardinal Bertone a liar. Actually, Mr. Socci has said that about Cardinal Bertone:

“Dear Cardinal Bertone, who between you and me is deliberately lying and knowing that they're lying?”

That's the title of his article he wrote two days after Cardinal Bertone's book came out on May 10, 2007. Cardinal Bertone answered that by going on television on May 31, and I'm very glad Cardinal Bertone did because he gave us so much more information to again prove our case against him and against the fable that they've released the whole Secret.

But again, it's not to say that we're judging them because it's not our position to judge. In fact, Mr. Socci also went to great lengths to defend in his own book what he had thought to be the good intentions of Cardinal Bertone – until Cardinal Bertone came out with his own book attacking Mr. Socci.

The Obstinace of the Blue Army

This exchange of accusations between Cardinal

Bertone and Mr. Socci reminds me of what took place between the Blue Army and the Fatima Center in 1982 and 1984, up to 1987. Both incidents refer to defending the truth, the most important truth about Fatima. And both incidents are prompted by a love for the truth. I'll digress a little bit here to tell you about it because there are lessons to be learned.

In 1982 the Blue Army came out with an anonymous report that Sister Lucy agreed that the Consecration of Russia was done by the ceremony Pope John Paul II did at Fatima on May 13th of that year. In fact, it was at this point that I got into this whole thing about the Consecration of Russia. (As an aside, I thought it was going to be resolved very quickly. Obviously, I was completely wrong about that.)

So, I published the Blue Army's article and their report, but I also came across Hamish Fraser's report in which he praised John Haffert and the Blue Army for all the good they had done promoting Fatima – but that this one error would destroy all the good work they had done. That was Hamish's position. And so, I was forced to examine the matter since I knew

John Haffert and Hamish Fraser. Both were friends of mine. I examined the matter and it was clear that Hamish was correct.

The Blue Army continued to carry on the story that the consecration was done in 1982, so we finally published a news report from Father Caillon who demonstrated, beyond doubt, with an eye-witness report of Sister Lucy speaking to the Papal Nuncio of Portugal, that it wasn't done. There Sister Lucy clearly said, "No, it is not done."

Sister Lucy was under an order of silence from 1960 until her death in 2005 – 45 years – so she could not say that it was not done. As she pointed out to the Nuncio, only when she had permission from the Holy See – that is, when the Holy See asked her directly in the person of the Nuncio, Archbishop Portalupe – she finally could officially say that: No, it's not been done; it's not been done for two reasons – Russia was not mentioned by name and the bishops did not participate.

The Blue Army then published: "Well yes, everything has been done except Russia wasn't consecrated."

Well, of course, that was the only thing that wasn't done!

Rather than openly ad-

mit they were wrong, they finally acknowledged that the Consecration of Russia was not done by the 1982 ceremony. But they were not honest when they claimed everything was done except the one detail. No. That one detail was all there was. So the love of truth is not there as much as it needs to be, even back in 1983.

But in 1984, after the Pope did the consecration of the world – using essentially the same consecration formula as the one he used in 1982, with a couple of words changed – the Blue Army came back with the same story.

I then asked Father Paul Kramer to answer: "Look, here's the file, here's what they're saying, you write the article." So Father Kramer wrote the article. In my charity, in my naiveté, maybe both, God knows, I didn't do Father Kramer justice because I took out all his references to "the Blue Army" and "*Soul* magazine" and inserted "that organization", "that magazine" instead.

A year later, I saw that the Blue Army was still carrying on with the same falsehood that the Consecration of Russia was done. At the same time, *Soul* magazine was also claiming that they

didn't understand or know how anyone else could possibly get a different idea or they didn't know where what they called the "confusion" was coming from. Yet, clearly, they certainly knew who we were – we sent our magazine directly to their door and we had a circulation of 450,000 magazines, compared to their 150,000 magazines.

Clearly they knew, and they could read our argumentation and our proof that it was not done, but they chose deliberately to close their eyes to the truth and pretend there was no other right conclusion to be drawn. They put their love for their organization or their misplaced love for the Secretary of State or for politics of getting a brownie point with the Secretary of State over loving the truth and reporting the truth. This lack of love for the truth is worse when they make a "virtue" out of lying or suppressing the truth because of their "devotion to Our Lady" or "devotion to the Fatima cause" while in fact obstructing the Fatima Message and the Fatima cause.

So, after reading their report, I concluded: "Very well, John Haffert, if you're going to say this in public and if you're going to claim to be

doing this as an intellectual leader, then it's only fair that we answer you in the same way, with charity, but nevertheless very clearly."

This time I said to Father Kramer: "Here's the file, you write it and I will not touch a word of it." I published everything he wrote in 1987, in *The Fatima Crusader*, and that was the end (at least for some time) of the Blue Army's stand on this thing.

At that point, Father Fox left the Blue Army at the request of some Vatican official and started his own organization and carried on the false propaganda war, as the Blue Army went silent for a while on this subject because they had lost their credibility on the matter.

More Fallacies and Fake Letters

Between July 1989 and July 1990, the anti-Fatima group of clerics working in or near Fatima, Portugal had five fake letters come out with the alleged signature of Sister Lucy.

How can we claim they're fake? Well, one of the letters was addressed to Father Kramer. We have the original and we sent it for handwriting analysis to a court expert in Canada who said, in effect: "It's not Sister Lucy's signature, when compared against

these published samples of her letters you gave us." (The letters he was comparing to were those from Sister Lucy's published memoirs, *Memorias e Cartas da Irma Lucia* (1973) and *Documentos de Fatima* (1976).) But it wasn't only that; the very text itself talked about things that didn't happen. Nevertheless, it is one of these fake letters that Cardinal Bertone refers to on June 26, 2000.

In that fake letter sent to Mr. Walter Noelker on the 8th of November 1989 (he lives in the midwest United States) is content directly quoted by Cardinal Bertone in his June 26, 2000 statement, saying, in effect: Here is the proof that Sister Lucy said the Consecration of Russia is done.

Well, the "proof" had already been discredited over and over again in the early 1990's. Despite the discredited "proof", Cardinal Bertone never dared to ask Sister Lucy to confirm that she really signed and agreed with the Noelker letter.

First of all, Cardinal Bertone went to see Sister Lucy in April 2000, then he went again on November 17, 2001. We're told he went to her a third time, which he talks about in his book, and

never once does he allude to a possible question that he asked her to verify or testify to the truth of this letter. And yet it was contested and easily discredited ten years before Bertone ever cited it.

In fact, it was so discredited that Frère François, at the microphone on the stage of the Paul VI Center – on October 11, 1992 at 5:30 p.m, when Father Fox and Father Kondor were present at a question period – denounced the five bogus letters. Addressing Father Kondor and Father Fox, he said: "These letters are fake. I have already published the demonstration of it and my demonstration has not been refuted. I am ready to justify my accusations and, if necessary, to retract them if my criticisms are refuted in a decisive manner."

Both Father Fox and Father Kondor got up and walked off the stage. They never said a word, and they never responded.

After that, on October 12, 1992, Frère François also confronted the Rector of the Fatima Shrine, Monsignor Luciano Guerra: "Monsignor Rector, can you swear on the Gospel that you have not written the apocryphal letters of Sister Lucy?" Guerra responded: "No, I do not

want to. I cannot do it now in these conditions ..." Frère François then said: "Internal criticism of these letters show that they are fake." To which Guerra responded: "I will not discuss it with you. You have no heart." Guerra never denied the truth of what Frère François said. Father Guerra never denied the truth of the accusation against himself.

The Truth Must Be Defended and Propagated

We're not here to embarrass Father Fox, Father Kondor or Monsignor Guerra, but the truth is more important and the truth must be defended and propagated. We should do it in charity, I agree, and I hope we do it in charity. God knows, I will be judged for it like everyone else. Nevertheless, if we're charitable, we must defend that truth and love the truth and promote the truth.

Now, this is what's been going on in Fatima in the 1990's. We go from there to the same kind of antics coming out of the Vatican in the year 2000 with Cardinal Ratzinger and Archbishop Bertone. Cardinal Ratzinger, I can say, was depending on the testimony of Archbishop Bertone. It was not Cardinal Ratzinger who spoke to Sister Lucy; it's

not Cardinal Ratzinger who said: "Is this your letter?" or more exactly, "Are these your sheets?" It was testified to none other than Cardinal Bertone. "Yes," she said, "these are my sheets of paper. Yes, I wrote these sheets." That's plural, and yet what Cardinal Bertone showed us in his booklet (*TMF*) in the year 2000 was four separate pages of photocopies.

One of the pages was about half an inch or so shorter than the other three pages. Obviously, at least to the casual eye – you're not expecting to have to do detective work every time you read something from the Vatican – it appeared that these were four separate sheets of paper!

However, on May 31, 2007, when Cardinal Bertone finally revealed to the world, on TV, the actual document of what he had previously shown us in photocopies – it's on one sheet of paper folded over. One sheet of paper. That's all. And yet, Cardinal Bertone has Sister Lucy telling us that there are "my sheets" of paper. Why? Because, as we have claimed from the beginning, there are two texts – two different documents in which Sister Lucy wrote out the whole Third Secret. One document is 62 lines long; the



Fr. Gruner, in front of Francesco Messina's famous sculpture at the gardens of Castel Sant'Angelo (Rome).

In the relief, St. Catherine of Siena (*kneeling*), the patron saint of Italy, reminds Pope Gregory XI of his promise to return the Papacy to Rome if he were elected Pontiff. Impressed by St. Catherine, who also guaranteed his personal safety *en route* to the Eternal City – “E IO VI DICO VENITE SICURAMENTE” (“And I say to you: *Come*, and you will be safe.”) – Gregory left Avignon, France on September 13, 1376, thereby effectively ending the “Babylonian Captivity of the Papacy,” which began over six decades before.

Importantly, in our time, September 13 marks the anniversary of the fifth appearance of Our Lady of Fatima. The Blessed Mother, who is Heaven’s supreme envoy, assures the Holy Father that if he obeys Her still now, and performs the Consecration of Russia, he will be safe. On the other hand, if Pope Benedict XVI continues to disobey the Queen of Heaven, he risks being killed by soldiers as the “Bishop dressed in White” spoken of in the disclosed portion of the Third Secret.

other is 25 lines long. We were able to make that claim which we are certain is correct because we did our due diligence in researching it. This is a sad state of affairs that the Vatican – for lack of transparency for silencing Sister Lucy for 45 years, for hiding the 24

volumes of documents of research gathered together by Father Alonso, for putting out very deceiving words about the Third Secret – has forced us to dig and dig to get the truth.

That’s why, one month after the Vatican came out on June

26, 2000 with their statement, we published, saying: "It's not the whole thing, it's only one part of it, there's something else."

To this day, our proofs have never been refuted because there truly is another text. In fact, every new detail that Cardinal Bertone has subsequently revealed to us has only further proven our point.

We have sent our proofs that Cardinal Bertone and his associates have not told us the whole truth; that Cardinal Bertone hides from us, the other text, written by Sister Lucy – 25 lines long – which reproduces all Our Lady's actual words after the phrase, "In Portugal the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved etc." The etcetera is the placeholder for what else Our Lady said.

In July 2000, one month after Cardinal Bertone published his half-truths, we printed 400,000 copies of *The Fatima Crusader* Issue No. 64 and pointed out that they had not told the whole truth about the Third Secret. We helped to publish *The Devil's Final Battle*, sending out to priests, bishops and laypeople, before 2006, over 150,000 copies, again pointing out with more proofs that Cardinal Bertone had not told the whole truth

about the Third Secret.

Finally, the Fatima Center sent out 80,000 copies in English and about 15,000 copies in Italian of the book, *The Secret Still Hidden*, by Christopher Ferrara by July 2008, again proving beyond any doubt that Cardinal Bertone had hidden the most important text of the Third Secret.

One of the priests in Italy sent a copy of *The Secret Still Hidden* to Cardinal Bertone, asking him to respond to the very carefully researched and documented proofs that Cardinal Bertone was being less than completely open and honest with his version of the Third Secret.

Cardinal Bertone wrote back and said four things against the book, its author and the Fatima Center:

Error No. 1: This book of Ferrara's is full of hatred. They hate me.

Error No. 2: They seem to think that I'm doing this on my own and that I don't answer to a higher superior.

Error No. 3: The Fatima Center does not recognize the text of the year 2000.

Error No. 4: The Fatima Center thinks that prophecies must happen exactly as they are foretold. They do not recognize that, with prayer and

penance, the foretold chastisements can be avoided and not be fulfilled.

We responded in great detail to these falsehoods about us, about the author, and about the book – in *The Fatima Crusader* Issue 90 – so I will not address them all here at length.

Regarding Error No. 3, it is easy to point out that we have recognized the text of 2000 to be authentic, but what we do *not* recognize is that it is the *only* text.

Regarding Error No. 4, we do recognize and have published many times, that chastisements can be avoided by prayer and penance. But we also recognize that God will *not* give His full blessing to an act of consecration that is *not* what He asked for. The penance that is acceptable to God is the *exact obedience to His direct, explicit command*. Nothing else will obtain for us world peace. And that is the **absolute truth**.

In response to Cardinal Bertone's letter, the priest mentioned above wrote back again and pointed out that the Cardinal's answer was not satisfactory. He said, in effect, "Your Eminence, this book makes serious charges against you. The accusations are in great detail. They are

well documented and your answer does not even address the real issue. Please answer the question in the manner in which it deserves."

To this date, as far as I know, Cardinal Bertone has never answered the serious accusations made against him in *The Secret Still Hidden*.

We also pointed out at the book presentation of *The Secret Still Hidden* in October 2008 here in Rome, and also published in *The Fatima Crusader Issue 90*, that we don't hate Cardinal Bertone, we pray for him every day. Our love for the truth forces us to publicly oppose Cardinal Bertone because he publicly takes a position which is not true. Our defense of the truth is not motivated by hatred – it is not personal, nor not loving the Cardinal, nor not loving his position – we respect all that.

Nevertheless, the truth is higher than the office of Secretary of State and without the truth we cannot love our fellow man. The truth is, there is nothing that trumps the truth. Nothing is higher in our obligations than the truth because we cannot love our fellow man without the truth.

Regarding Bertone's second excuse: "They seem to think that I'm doing this on

my own and that I don't answer to a higher superior," strangely enough, he doesn't identify this higher superior. Now you might think that he's leading us to believe that maybe it's the Pope at that time who was telling him to do this. This is what Mr. Tornelli said yesterday. But why doesn't he just say 'the Pope'?

WHO Is the Higher Authority?

It's similar to the decree that was against Archbishop Lefebvre. I was here in Rome in 1975 when he filed a case with the Apostolic Signatura, the highest court in the Catholic Church other than the Pope himself. He submitted it on Friday and on Monday the statement from Archbishop (later Cardinal) Sabattani, the Pro-Prefect of the Signatura at that time, rejected it and said this decision came from a higher authority.

Again, you would think that that higher authority was the Pope, but it wasn't. How do I know that? Because Father Kramer has a friend, who was also a friend of Cardinal Sabattani, who reported that the "higher authority" was Cardinal Villot. The Secretary of State picked up the phone and said, in ef-

fect: "You will reject that case. I'm telling you, period." It was the Secretary of State – but it's not the Secretary of State's job to judge a case before the evidence is looked at. But Cardinal Sabattani claimed he had to do it because of higher authority. But there is no authority on earth – not even the Pope – that can legitimately command anyone to lie or to deceive the faithful in any way, in a matter that can impact adversely, their eternal salvation.

That's what's been going on, not just with Fatima, but in other areas as well. We need to use the intelligence that God gave us for a reason. Why is it that the Catechism is so important? Because God wants us to know the Faith, each one of us, ourselves. Our Faith doesn't simply say: be baptized, go to the sacraments and take as gospel everything that comes out of the mouth of a priest, a bishop, a Cardinal or a Pope.

Even Mr. Tornelli, yesterday, said: "If the Pope were to preach heresy, which is conceivable – according to Church doctrine – then we must not follow him in that."

Well how are we going to know that unless we first of all examine what he says and try to understand it? St.

Paul, in fact, tells us in Sacred Scripture, in a speech addressed to bishops and priests, that in the future history of the Church, from among their own selves will rise up clergy who would seek to take the faithful away from Christ to follow them. (Acts 20:29-30)

Historical Heresies

We have seen this throughout the history of the Church – the great heresy of **Arianism** from Arias who was a priest, the heresy of **Lutheranism** from Luther who was a priest, the heresy of **Anglicanism**, again from priests and bishops, and it's down through the centuries.

There was the heresy of **Nestorianism**. Nestorius was the second-highest ranking bishop in the East. He was the Patriarch of Ephesus. Yet it took only one man, a layman, to expose him. He stood up and said: "This is heresy" in a packed cathedral on Christmas Day. The witness of that one layman caused the cathedral to empty at that time and led to the calling of the Council of Ephesus.

We must know the Faith and we must defend the Faith because the Faith is the truth. We also have to have the right attitude about our loyalty to

the Faith and our loyalty to the office and the person of the Pope, of the bishops, of the patriarchs, of the priests and of your fellow layman, regardless of rank.

The truth comes first and if we don't have that priority in our minds then we're going to put everything else out of whack. It's essential that you understand this.

The Truth Is Our First Priority

It's essential for us to understand that it doesn't just apply to the Faith, it applies to all truth and especially applies to the Message of Fatima.

Whether you accept the truth of Fatima simply on the word of your fellow man or whether you accept it as a prophecy that should not be despised (1 Thess. 5:20) – which, when proven to be good, we must hold on to it – or whether you accept it as part of Revelation foretold in Sacred Scripture – whichever level of truth you accept it as, by whatever criterion you accept it as truth, by reason, by Faith:

You must still love and defend the truth.

The prophecies of Fatima are not opposed to the

devotions of Fatima. Now, this should be very clear, without saying.

But what is going on, as we have seen again and again in the past 20 years or more, is that they oppose devotion to the prophecies.

We see this with the letter that came out from the Vatican in July 1989 – apparently from Cardinal Casaroli or Cardinal Sodano, whoever was in charge at that time – saying that we must all think and say that the Consecration of Russia is done.

Holy obedience can never tell us to tell a lie – whether it's the Pope, whether it's the Cardinal, whether it's the bishop, whether it's a priest. None of them can tell you to tell a lie. They can, of course, mouth that order, but they don't have the jurisdiction to order you to tell a lie.

So, I have no problem of conscience in contradicting a Cardinal, even the Secretary of State, if I know that what he's saying is false. Everyone else should have the same conviction and the same ease of decision, but that is not the case. Most people seem to think that – out of loyalty or out of obedience or out of religious piety, whatever it might be – they have to go

along with a falsehood in order to be loyal. This is not of God, this is of the devil.

St. Paul, himself, opposed St. Peter on one occasion but it was about the truth. It wasn't about heresy because St. Peter never spoke heresy. But what St. Peter did was give a false impression. He wasn't trying to give a false impression, but inadvertently he did. And for giving this false impression, St. Paul rebuked him publicly to his face. Now, I don't say this lightly but, in fact, I found this a bit of a scandal when I first began studying theology. I asked myself: Why did God allow this? I mean, we're finding ourselves in a difficult position – we seminarians who are duty bound to defend the Papacy. Why did God allow this? At first glance, it looks like our defense of the Papacy is not possible with this example of St. Peter being wrong and St. Paul correcting him.

St. Paul Justifiably Rebuked Pope St. Peter

Well, God allowed it for a purpose because we need to have this clear thinking ourselves. As St. Paul points out, the Council of Jerusalem, in which St. Peter presided, had defined, so of course, that it's of the Faith that you don't

need to be circumcised. That is, you don't have to follow the Mosaic ceremonial law in order to be saved after the coming of Christ and after His resurrection from the dead.

So, if someone were to insist, for your salvation, that you have to be circumcised and follow the other ceremonial laws in order to be saved – I think there's 600 or more of them – that would be heretical. St. Peter defined this and you can read it in the Acts of the Apostles, that this ceremonial law of Moses is no longer necessary for salvation.

He defined this because there was a controversy in the Church at that time. But af-

ter that definition by St. Peter himself, he went down to Antioch, and there he didn't eat with the uncircumcised. Now, he didn't say they were wrong, he didn't say they were bad, he didn't say they're second class citizens – but he didn't personally eat with them. And so, the people around him – especially those of the circumcision party, as St. Paul calls them – said: "He doesn't eat with you because you're second class citizens, because you're not saved until you get yourself circumcised." (You can read about this event in the Acts of the Apostles and in Galatians Chapter 2.)

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And, of course, Mosaic Law said you could not eat with people who are not circumcised. So, the impression was clearly created in the minds of the faithful that St. Peter was in favor of people getting circumcised in order to save their souls, even though he said the opposite at the Council of Jerusalem. Thus, St. Paul rebuked him.

I would say that St. Peter did this for good intentions. He did it for the sake of unity. After all, no one says the Pope has to eat with these individuals and not with those individuals. And since the circumcision party insisted that he keep himself pure and clean by not associating with the uncircumcised, St. Peter went along, "I'll eat with you, since you won't hold me unclean, and I won't eat with them and I don't have to, after all."

So, by the first Pope taking this attitude, he gave the clear impression that the circumcision party was correct.

Such a wrong impression was unintended by St. Peter but it was still gravely wrong.

It is much like what we have going on with the Church over many issues today, including Fatima. St. Peter was

rebuked publicly for doing this, for giving the wrong impression – not for saying the wrong thing but just for simply giving the wrong impression over a serious matter. In fact, St. Paul said that the Faith itself was in danger and that he had to rebuke him and he had to do it publicly.

Now who is more loyal? Even St. Barnabas, who had seen miracles with St. Paul and preached the Gospel proving that you don't need to be circumcised, waffled, as St. Paul describes him. St. Paul stood alone and said, "Your Holiness, you're wrong and you can't do this, you're giving the wrong impression." That is true loyalty to the Pope and St. Peter, to his credit, humbly accepted the rebuke and pointed out that Paul was right.

We Must Be Informed to Defend the Truth

Now, someone might say you have to be sure of yourself and yes, you do have to be sure of yourself. As St. Thomas points out, you can't publicly debate a non-believer if you're not capable of doing it – because you might make the thing look worse, as if the Faith does not have a proper defense.

But for those of us who

have the ability and have the knowledge, we also have the obligation. And for those who never received the ability to do it in public, they can still defend the truth in private and it's important that we do.

There are those who say, "I am for the Pope." There are those who said in effect, "I'm for this person, I'm for that person." We've seen that already in the Church. St. Paul talks about it in Sacred Scripture. There are those who said in effect, "I'm for Peter, I'm for Paul, I'm for Apollo." But then St. Paul points out: "Is Christ divided? Was Paul then crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Cor. 1:13) No. **We're all for Christ.** (See also 1 Cor. 1:10-13 and 1 Cor. 3:4-23.)

And to the extent that the Pope, the bishops, the priests are for Christ, then that's where our loyalty is. Much of the time they're all lined up with the Faith, but sometimes they're not. In that case, you have to choose – first, Christ; first the Truth. Christ defines Himself as the Truth and that is where our loyalty has to be and that is where I have, over the years, had to deal with all sorts of people who on the one hand claim to be loving the Pope, loving the bishops,

loving the Holy See, loving Our Lady, loving Our Lord Himself – but then propagating falsehoods against the Message of Fatima.

We are obligated to defend the truth of the matter but, at the same time, some powerful opponents of Fatima say: "Don't listen to him. Don't even read *The Fatima Crusader*. Put it in the garbage."

Father Robert Fox was asked by someone in the Vatican to start his own apostolate and he, too, went on to say that the Consecration is done and don't listen to Father Gruner. Again, we replied in detail in an article that Christopher Ferrara wrote called "Father Fox's Modernist Assault on Fatima." We have a videotape of an interview with Father Fox where he was asked: "Has the Consecration of Russia been done?" He replied: "Yes it has." At the end of Father Fox's recording he was asked: "Are you worried about anything?" Father Fox replied: "Yes. I'm worried about war." Now, here's a man who spent the last 20 years of his life promoting the idea that the Consecration of Russia is done and at the same time he tells us that there's going to be war, there's always going to be war.

Proper Consecration Will End All Wars

Our Lady said a period of peace will be given to mankind if the Consecration of Russia is done. Father Gobbi asked me privately, back in 1989, when Father Fox was on the warpath about the Consecration being done: "Is Father Fox trying to call the Blessed Virgin a liar?" Father Fox maybe didn't mean it that way, but, in fact, that is what he was doing by saying on the one hand: "The consecration is done," and on the other hand: "But we're going to have war forever."

Well, you can't have it both ways. The truth is the truth, and the first principle of truth is the principle of non-contradiction. You can't have Our Lady promising a period of peace and then claim we are going to have war forever.

Not Everyone Sees the Truth Clearly

I've been forced to reflect upon the words the Pope used when he went to Fatima. I try to avoid passing judgment on anybody. The truth, as I say, is fundamental; yet not everyone sees the truth clearly. I cannot say they're of bad will because they do not agree with me. I, myself, cannot say that you deceive your-

self because you don't agree with me. Our Lord Himself can say it because He knows the hearts of men.

In Chapter 8 of St. John's Gospel, Our Lord rebukes the Pharisees who claim to love the truth but really do not love the truth at all. They love their sin; they are attached to their sins, to their evil desires. Rather than listen to the truth and convert away from their sins, they reject the truth. They hypocritically claim to love the truth and serve the truth but they actually lie. They hide behind this claim in order to do the work of the devil, which is to murder and to lie.

You can refuse to accept the truth by an act of the will and Our Lord chastises the Pharisees for that very reason.

I personally judge no one of self deception because I do not know their hearts, or their level of training or learning. Nevertheless, Pope Benedict XVI did not hesitate to say before 500,000 people at Fatima on May 13, 2010:

"He who thinks that the prophetic mission of Fatima is concluded deceives himself."

He didn't say, 'is mistaken', he said you deceive your-



self if you think this. This is what's going on. There are people who claim to be more Catholic than I am, who claim to be more loyal and more faithful to the Church than I am, who claim to love the Pope more than I do, and God knows if they do or they don't.

But they deceive themselves when they say the Consecration of Russia is done. They deceive themselves when they say the whole Third Secret has been released.

This applies to some of them and possibly the rest of them may have to put it down to either lack of looking at the facts or lack of understanding them. But even if they do disagree with me, then why don't they accept the challenge to take us on intellectually to answer them. Up to now, for 34 years, they have never done so – not the Pope, not the Secretary of State, not the Commission on

Fatima, not anyone. The most they can say is: "I'm not convinced." But they won't tell us what it is that they're not convinced about. If we knew what it was, we could answer it but, as it is, since they refuse to reply to our well-documented research, we are left to conclude that they would rather remain in ignorance.

I prefer to take the attitude of the Blessed Virgin, Who sees Her children in danger and cannot remain silent because the eternal salvation of Her children's souls are at stake. Even one soul would be enough to speak out for, but we're talking about millions, if not more.

Despising Prophecy a Serious Matter

It's a serious matter to despise prophecy. It's to extinguish the Holy Spirit. The sin against the Holy Spirit, Sister Lucy tells us, is unpardonable if it is persisted in. The Council of Trent tells us that the worst sin that's unpardon-

able against the Holy Spirit is final despair.

But the blocking of truth or the refusal of truth and the refusal of getting others to know the truth has got to be pretty close to putting you in that position of no return. It is the lack of love of truth that brings on the Antichrist, that brings on the apostasy, and it is characteristic of our age.

I'm told that we should say things in small sound-bytes because our attention span today is very short, and I acknowledge that I'm a creature of this generation like the rest of you. But some things require some effort to grasp and to look at the facts. Otherwise, they miss the point from the short sound-bytes and continue to say: "The Consecration has been done, don't listen to him, let's get on to more important business." We have to present sufficient evidence to cause anyone to at least look at the matter.

Wilfull Ignorance Not an Excuse

St. Thomas tells us that if we refuse (to look at the evidence), if we are ignorant wilfully, our ignorance does not excuse us in our sin that follows from our ignorance. In fact, he says our wilfull ignorance makes us more guilty

than before, and so it's important for us to have the love for truth for our own salvation, for the salvation of our family, and our loved ones. It's important to have that love of truth, to seek it, to embrace it, to defend it and to promote it to everyone that God puts on our path.

It is the love of truth that we must have for Fatima and it is this love of truth that has so far been shot down by lies, lack of dialogue and so forth from very many quarters.

In the meantime, this is not to make us any less charitable, any less loyal or any less loving of our fellow man, specifically of Cardinal Bertone, as we have been told we have not been loving of him enough. But the fact is, to answer the other objection that he made – that we didn't respect that he had orders from higher up – regardless of who it is from, they cannot force us to tell a lie; they cannot tell us to hide the truth.

We do know that Cardinal Bertone, for example, is of the opinion that the other text of the Third Secret which he's aware of, is not authentic. How do we know that? On television he said: "This is the authentic envelope," implying that the other envelope is not authentic. "This is the

authentic text”, implying that the other text is not authentic.

On what basis does he claim that the other text is not authentic? Again, in my opinion, he doesn’t speak as straightforward as I am trying to speak to you today. But he does say something straightforward when he was asked during the television program if there could be a text in which the Blessed Virgin says that something is wrong inside the Vatican.

To be more explicit, based on what Cardinal Ratzinger said privately to a German priest – this conversation was relayed to Father Kramer and published in *The Fatima Crusader* – I would have asked: “Is there a text that criticizes the Second Vatican Council?” and “Is there a text that criticizes the change of the Mass from the old Mass to the new Mass?”

Well, in Cardinal Bertone’s opinion, such a text could not be authentic because such a text criticizing the Vatican is *ipso facto* not Christian and Our Lady wouldn’t do such a thing.

But I refer you again to what the Pope said about Our Lady: “Can the Mother, Who with all the force of the love that She fosters in the Holy Spirit and Who desires everyone’s

salvation, can She remain silent when She sees the very bases of Her children’s salvation undermined?” And he answers his own question: “No, She cannot remain silent.”

What is the basis of our salvation? Well, among other things, it is the Faith. St. Athanasius tells us:

“Whoever wishes to be saved must before all else adhere to the Catholic Faith. He must preserve this faith whole and entire; otherwise he shall most certainly perish forever.”

Before doing any good work, you must, first of all, have the Faith and hold on to it in its integrity. That’s the first work of your own salvation and that is quoting from the first article of the Athanasian Creed. “*Quicumque vult salvus esse, ante omnia opus est, ut teneat catholicam fidem. Quam nisi quisque integram inviolatamque servaverit, absque dubio in aeternum peribit.*”

Hold On to Your Faith Whole and Entire

The first work of your own salvation is to hold on to the Catholic Faith, whole and entire. But the Faith itself is being undermined. That is why Our Lady said in the beginning of the third part of

the Secret that the dogma of the Faith will always be preserved in Portugal, implying that it won't be preserved in other parts of Europe or other parts of the world.

Holding on to the Faith is your first work. Holding on to the dogma of the Faith is your first work. The First Vatican Council has defined for us that definitions of the Faith are infallible. That is, solemn dogmatic definitions of the Popes cannot fail you.

These definitions must be understood in the same sense that was intended when the Pope (by himself) or the Pope with a Catholic Church Council defined them. By holding on to these definitions as absolutely true with no error mixed in, you can legitimately hold yourself against the Pope, against the bishop, against the Council, against everybody and anything, to save your soul.

This is what the first attack on your soul is – the attack on the dogma of the Faith. The second attack is on the Catholic priesthood – including, of course, the bishops. We do know this is in the Third Secret. It talks about the priesthood, the bishops and the priests. How do we know that? Well, we can thank Pope

John Paul II for that explanation. He tells us quite openly on May 13, 2000 that the Message of Fatima is a message addressed to all mankind and to not follow the third of the stars of Heaven that are dragged down by the tail of the dragon. Now, he doesn't explain what those words mean but they are clearly taught in Father Bernard Kramer's book of 1956, *The Book of Destiny*. Father B. Kramer explains that this prophecy of Chapter 12, verse 4 refers to:

**The “stars of Heaven”
who are the Catholic clergy
and one-third of them are at
the service of the devil.**

John Paul II tells us very clearly that the Message of Fatima is a warning to people of this generation to take that verse to heart because it applies to our time.

That's in the Secret, that's why it's not released. It's in the part that's not been released. We have demonstrated that beyond any doubt, for anyone who wants to examine the facts.

**It's worth your while to
know the truth and to defend
the truth.**

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depends on the love of
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