



Archbishop John Barwa addressed the Conference with a very moving description of a Catholic diocese living through persecution.

## Recent Persecutions of Catholics in Orissa

Archbishop John Barwa is Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Orissa State in India, a place which has suffered through a series of intense, bloody persecutions of Catholics.

In this address given to *Fatima: Your Last Chance* Conference, Archbishop Barwa tells us of the horrible atrocities and persecutions that took place; but at the same time, he and his people give us a living example of courage, faith, hope, charity and martyrdom. This example and this talk of His Grace is a rare jewel of how we, as Catholics, should live our Faith.

The following is an edited transcript of this beautiful talk. The original can be seen and heard on [www.fatima.org](http://www.fatima.org).

*by Archbishop John Barwa, S.V.D.*

**G**ood afternoon.  
My topic is about the persecution of Christians and Catholics in

Orissa which took place in a district in my Archdiocese called Kandhamal. The district covers 7,650 square kilo-

meters and has a population of 650,000. My Archdiocese's total population is 11 million, of which 70,000 are Catholics – mostly Dalits and Tribals.

Dalits are those belonging to the lowest class of people in the Hindu caste system in Indian society. Tribals do not belong to this system but are known as original settlers of the land.

Orissa is the poorest state in India. It faced a terrible persecution on Christmas day 2007 and in the months of August and September, 2008. When the Vincentian Missionaries came to this land (a long time ago), they realized that these people, especially the Dalits and the Tribals, needed their missionary presence and they worked in their midst. Their first priority was education, healthcare and social development.

Because of the missionaries' efforts, the Dalits and Tribals rose in status. They got into good jobs and businesses and their standard of life became higher, which the rich high Brahmin people could not tolerate. They started saying: "If the people of this category come up in life and their children get education, what will happen to the children of the

rich people? What will they be doing? Because they cannot come down to the lower class level to work at menial jobs!"

That is why missionaries and Catholics became the targets of persecution – because the Catholic and the Christian institutions were educated.

### **The "Reasons" for the Persecutions**

They said one reason for the persecution was because the Catholics and Christians were forcefully converting the Tribals and Dalits into Christianity.

The second reason was that there was a fundamentalist government in the state called the Bharatiya Janata Party Fundamentalist Group (BJP).

The BJP knew that to come into power they needed votes, and the Dalits and Tribals would not vote for them. They vote for the Congress Party. The BJP people realized that the Dalits' and Tribals' presence would not allow them to be in power and so they determined it was better to eliminate them.

These are just a few of the many reasons that they contemplated for many years.

It was a contemplated well-planned action that took place on Christmas day 2007. On December 24, a Hindu fundamentalist leader was passing through a village where our people were preparing the crèche for Christmas celebration. Following their plan, this particular leader got down and went to the crèche and made comments and, with that, started attacking the town Christians. The Hindu fundamentalists destroyed our Christian and Catholic shops in three parishes. They purposely chose that day, knowing it was a main business day for Christians.

### **False Accusations**

On August 23, 2008 a particular sacred man or seer of the Hindus – not all Hindus are bad – was killed that night. The Maoist Communist Party Marxists claimed that they killed that man but the blame was put on us, that we Catholics killed this religious leader.

So they started attacking us, saying that we are the ones responsible and that we had planned to kill him. This was not true at all. The Marxist Communist Party

was responsible but a massive attack took place against the Christians and it lasted for the two whole months of August and September.

And in this, 93 Catholics were killed; 6,500 houses were burned; 350 churches, 45 health centers and many convents and institutions were destroyed; and 50,000 people were left homeless. Our people had to live in the forest. It was the rainy time, it was a very cold time, yet they survived.

Since the government was a coalition government of the fundamentalist group, they did not take any interest in us, but finally we received help from different countries, nations, good-willed people and we have rebuilt.

I became Archbishop of that particular area and I took charge of the responsibility of the Archdiocese on April 2, 2011. Until then, I was bishop in another diocese. After taking over the responsibility of the diocese, I visited every corner of it, every village. I met all the Fathers, Sisters, people, those who were out of their houses, every place, and I talked to them, met them and shared their agonies and pain.

## **The Vow to Finish Off the Christians**

The leader of the fundamentalist Hindu groups, Lakshmanananda Saraswati, was shouting around:

**“We will finish off the Christians from this land; there will be no Christian existence here in this part of the country.”**

And he openly declared that he was taking the responsibility of wiping out all the Christians from that land.

### **“We Will Not Lose Our Jesus”**

Because of that, when I visited all my people they had only one voice:

**“Archbishop, we have lost everything, we have lost property, we have lost our houses, but we have not lost Jesus, and we will not lose our Jesus.”**

This is the loud, clear voice of my people.

I visit every now and then. It takes me six hours by road. The roads are not that good but, at the same time, not bad. I can travel 100-120 kilometers per hour and it takes me six hours. It is far-away land; it is full of forests, jungles, mountains and not very thickly populated. Only

mostly Tribals and Dalits live there but, at the same time, it is a richly natural resource filled area.

This is why they want to finish off the Tribals and Dalits from that area – so that these rich minerals become theirs (that is, the multinationals’).

But, at the same time:

**“We believe our God is with us and I believe only She (Our Lady of Fatima) can help us.”**

Why do I say this? Because in our land, the Mother of God, *Amma Ma*, has first place in our lives. Wherever there is Mother Mary’s devotion organized, hundreds and thousands of people flock there because we love Mother, *Amma Ma*, and we believe She is the one Who has given life and She is the one Who has fed us from Her own life.

I invited Cardinal Telesphore Placidus Toppo, one of the three Cardinals in India who lives in that part of the country, for a Marian Shrine celebration. Hundreds of thousands of people flocked and they have one slogan to tell the world and tell the people of other faiths and especially those fundamentalists:

**“We are not frightened people. You can’t take away Christ from us and you can’t remove our Mother’s love from us.”**

They always make this as a solemn promise because they want to clearly say to the world and especially to those who want to destroy us:

**“You will never succeed in destroying us. You will never succeed in removing us from our Beloved Mother Mary. And more so, you will never succeed in removing us from our God.”**

So now, I am more often there in this part of my diocese and I spend much of my time there. What about the constructions and rehabilitations? It is done. We have built churches, we have built institutions, we have built our health centers – all that is built except in the remotest areas.

And that fundamental group BJP collapsed. BJP got only one seat in that whole area and they lost miserably. Their plan was like in Gujarat – they create a fear sensation, fearful atmosphere and they win the vote. In Gujarat, they got a high majority but in my place they could win only one seat (in the recent elections).

## **Son of the Soil Has Become First Archbishop of the Land**

I came as the Archbishop of the Archdiocese and I am accepted well because I was bishop in Rourkela in the same Orissa state. People accepted me because I am from that land, from these people. So they say: “Son of the soil has become first Archbishop of the land.”

Whenever I got to meet the head of the government, they always say: “O first Archbishop from among our people, let us talk with the heart of our people.” This is what always they feel and I, too, feel proud to be with my people, to talk their language and to share their sadness and gladness.

I have met practically all the political leaders. The last several times I was with a governor, like when we had our Christmas gathering. There were a lot of journalists and press people and we were sitting together with the governor. I was sitting with all my episcopal dress and the press people, journalists, asked me this question:

**“Archbishop, what is the strength of you Christians**



Father Gerard Mura, SSPX spoke about "The Request for and the Importance of the Consecration of Russia."

At our Conference, Cristina Siccardi introduces to the public, for the first time, her new book, *Fatima and the Passion of the Church*.



Father Paul Kramer speaks about the Masonic influences that were introduced into the New Mass and about his book, *The Suicide of Altering the Faith in the Liturgy*, and how this all relates to the Third Secret of Fatima.



Father Stehlin, SSPX, a German priest who emulates St. Maximillian Kolbe, explains with great enthusiasm the Message of Fatima and the Marian teaching of St. Maximillian.



**and Catholics?"**

I said:

**"Our faith in God, our love of Mother Mary is our strength. We take pride in our faith and Mother Mary will never leave us."**

I believe we need to work more and more for the unity of the sons and daughters of our beloved Mother, Mary.

The slogan that is said now is:

**"We have not lost Jesus, and we will not lose Him."**

Faith, hope, and confidence grows. Not only that, the vocations – quality vocations. This year alone I had 33 ordinations. And when we conduct vocation camps for the boys and girls, priests and nuns come from Rome for vocation recruitment.

In both of my dioceses this year we had 700 boys and 613 girls joining the vocation camps for recruitment. Here, also, I would like to say the reality – I want my sons to become committed, dedicated, convinced religious priests in the world.

I am meeting people wherever I go. Once upon a time it was Kerala that had a very high number of vocations, especially in the diocese of

Palai which had the highest number of vocations in India. But today it has shifted to my place, Tribal land, especially Rourkela, where mostly these Tribals live and the vocations are very high. I want to grow these number of vocations to Religious life, Christian life, but it should be a quality, not just a quantity.

**Amidst the Good Work  
Satan Still Works  
Very Powerfully**

To make it more *realistic*, because of the growing numbers of priests and religious coming from different parts of the country and including the world, today it is becoming more and more of a business. There is a competition to take away vocations. These are the things happening which, for me, it is painful. It means that together with all these good works and good spirit flowing there also is the devil working; satan working very, very powerful – very powerfully. What we need, I believe, is our Mother Mary, with Whom we have great love, devotion and commitment. She will surely help us.

Here, I want to say that when we faced the persecution, my feeling was like this,

like the example we speak about in India – the sandalwood tree. It is a very instructive one. It says:

**“Even the axe that cuts the tree to fell it, is smeared with its exhilarating and soothing fragrance.”**

The significance is quite Christian, for the very best of the sandalwood tree, its fragrance is bestowed first upon the axe that cuts, wounds and fells it; next on the holder of the axe and still more on the bystanders. Even when the axe holder is annihilating the tree, cutting down the tree, it is an illustration of Christian experience and perception of God, good material for reflection by the Christian community wherever it is placed and wherever it lives.

And this is what is happening.

### **Persecution Has Made Us Strong**

Today, there are other fundamentalist group people blaming us that we are converting and it is true. The number of conversions grows higher every day. Our difficulty is that Orissa is the one state which has passed an anti-conversion law. We cannot baptize a person unless we

have all the systematic permissions of the civil authorities. The problem is there are hundreds flocking to us and they are asking everyday, “Archbishop, we are waiting this long, what should we do?” Of course, in our land we are supposed to get legal permission, written permission from the Collector and SP, from the court, but we do not do that.

We only get from the local authorities an affidavit declaring by the person that:

**“It is my free will that I want to embrace this Christianity, this Faith and there is no compulsion, no allure-ment, nothing, my own free will.”**

This affidavit is made and we baptize them. The number is growing and I know – I, myself, being a Tribal man – for us to accept Jesus is much easier than going to any other religion. The fundamentalists and all other groups say that we were Hindus but we never were. We belong to the animist spirit worshiping group and we are tired of worshiping too many spirits everywhere.

If there was a problem in the family or anywhere in our



surroundings, we thought some spirit somewhere was unhappy. And it was a very difficult life for us to please all the spirits and the sun. Then missionaries came and started telling us:

**“There is one God Who loves unconditionally and He is the God Who loves, full of love. All these spirits are powerless in front of Him.”**

### **When We Realized God’s Love, We Embraced Christianity**

For us, it was a new revelation. When we realized God’s love, we just embraced Christianity. Thousands and thousands have embraced Christianity. And it is not just embracing Christianity. I can say we are convinced, committed, totally faithful Christians ready to die for our Faith, not just Christians by faith.

We don’t live in reason. Okay, I can understand the way we reason things out, talking only about publications and books. But for us –

**What matters is the heart – convinced emotions, feelings, sentiments and what matters for us most [is Who we love]. We are convinced**

**that God loves us and we love God. Whatever may come to us in life we will remain firm in our faith. God will protect us, Mother Mary will save us, and together with that, our faith has made us what we are today.**

Our emergency relief is finished. We have built, as I said, almost 6,000 houses. And of the 50,000 people who had left and gone to other places, all are back to their homes except for those who wanted to stay out for varieties of livelihood. Churches are reconstructed, thanks be to all of you and also to the government. We built eight houses for a total of 80,000 rupees. We paid 50,000 rupees and the government paid 30,000 rupees. We have filed another request for a further grant of funds.

Another thing we need to understand is that those people who participated in killing and destruction and disturbances were mostly local people instigated by people from outside and given drinks and alcohols and drugs. When we talk to them and meet them, they admit doing it but that they never knew what it meant. They

are very clearly telling us now and they are asking pardon and forgiveness. Many of them come – even leaders come – and ask us:

**“Would you forgive us?”**

And I and my people say:

**“We are people of forgiveness, we are people of love, we are people of peace. Whatever you have done, okay, we cannot forget for life, we cannot, but we have forgiven you. Let us live in peace and harmony because this is our life and this is our message.”**

### **Our Strength Is God’s Love and Mary’s Love**

I am confident that we will build up a peaceful Kandhamal and Orissa surely and certainly. Many ask:

**“What is the strength that you have to stand this way? What makes you so strong to withstand the persecutions and difficulties?”**

We have one answer:

**“It is God’s love and Mother Mary’s love.”**

Other than that, we have nothing else. We have smaller houses, my people do not have big bank accounts. But one thing my people have is smiles all the time.

### **Unexpected Guests Treated as God’s Presence**

And if you visit them, I can vouch that they may not offer big riches, but surely hospitality and making guests welcome. In our language, we say *atithi*, which means: “someone who comes unexpectedly, without declaring a time.” They are considered as God’s presence, God’s representative. We need to take care of them and we’ll do that in our best possible way, because that is our culture.

There is a jealousy in India because – although we Christians are only 2.06% – in our Catholic Bishops Conference (CBCI) and everywhere, we clearly, loudly say that we have fulfilled 25% of our mission of quality education, healthcare and social development activities. And that is because there is a commitment, there is a dedication, there is a conviction and surrendering of ourselves to God.

As I said, many ask where do we get strength from? Our answer is that Jesus said:

**“A house built on a rock can withstand every assault and even offer shelter.”**

## Overcome Evil With Good

Love, compassion, forgiveness and sacrificial service are components of that rock and so the Church is expected to offer shelter even to the assailant. Overcome evil by good – despite the hostility and suffering that was demonstrated to the Christians in Kandhamal, my state, my Archdiocese.

It is not very easy to say that things are pleasant; however, we must not be overawed by the enormity of evil. We must always remain steadfast in the core of the faith even when it is very dark, painful and bitter, even humiliating.

We believe in nonviolence. When the assailants attacked us, 50,000 people, instead of leaving our homes and going to the forest, we could have retaliated. There could have been more bloodshed and we know there would have been more deaths on both sides.

We would have had less deaths on our side because we know the forests, we know the situations and could have hidden and killed more of them. We did not retaliate. We said:

**“Let the devil do his work**

**now, but surely we will overcome, because today they are singing our song, ‘we shall overcome.’”**

Of course, I sing in Hindi, *hum honge kamyab*. This is my national language. My English may not be that good because I speak seven languages at home – national language, state language, my father and mother’s language, school language – there are so many languages. India has 26 official languages, so I hope and believe you are understanding my English.

**We sing in Hindi like this:** *“hum honge kaamyaab, honge kaamyaab hum honge kaamyaab ek din, ho ho mann main hai vishwas poora dil re hai vishwas, hum honge kaamyaab, ek din.”*

We will overcome. If not that day, if not today, I believe, one day. And one day, I do not know when – but my people believe this – we shall overcome. That is why we never lose heart.

In one diocese, where I am Apostolic Administrator, there are a little more than 250,000 Catholics and a similar number of Protestants. That is one group, all Tribals, and that is the success story

of that part of the country.

### **Liberation from Landlords**

A Dutch missionary, Constant Lievens, came to us, learned our language, and liberated us from the spirits, and liberated us from the landlords – because, for us Tribals, land, property, world, do not belong to any human being, any individual. Everything belongs to God because it is He who has created us. We clear the land, we cultivate the land, but we do not own the land. The system of the government is to measure, make all these plots and give ownership as a community.

Our grand forefathers never owned their land, lost everything and became all the more paupers. This missionary that came liberated us from the owners, the masters of the land, because he learned the law of the land – because it was our land. That's the way hundreds and thousands of us accepted to become Catholics. Today, they are saying that we are Hindus and the missionaries are foreigners because they came from a foreign land and converted us.

We were never converted. We accepted with our faith, with our conviction, with joy and happiness, which nobody else could do for us. It is God's love; it is God's chosen people who missionaries worked for and gave their life for us.

Who else but God sent these missionaries to work totally for us – with the love for us. Who else?

So, as I said, where I am now, we have 70,000 Catholics and little more than us are the Protestants belonging to varieties of denominations.

Actually, as I was saying, these are the problems. They become more fundamentalist than the real fundamentalist group themselves. Because the way this denomination speaks, the way they propagate, the way they speak in the marketplace and everywhere else – some even say they got money to convert. No one has ever given me money to convert someone into Christianity, because I do not believe in that.

### **We Are Quality-Catholics Not Number-Catholics**

Though I am blamed today for that kind of bribery conversion, I continue to try

to talk in a louder language, clearer language, that this is not our way. God doesn't want number-Catholics – 80,000, 90,000, 250,000. For us, it makes no sense unless there is a change of heart, change of life, a change of behavior. This persecution has brought us to the understanding that it is not the number that will make us able to stand persecution, stand suffering, stand killing and butchering.

Here are a few examples I want to give of what happened during the persecution.

### **Martyrs for Their Faith**

One of my boys, a young boy of 18 years, was traveling by a bus. They searched his bag and found a Bible in it, pulled him out and said:

**“Will you give up Jesus?”**

That boy said:

**“Never!”**

They dug a pit and they buried him alive, little by little, asking him:

**“Will you give up Jesus?”**

This boy said:

**“Kill me. First, kill me and bury me.”**

They said:

**“No, we won't kill you first.”**

And they buried him alive. We know this to be a fact.

Another man, our catechist, was with his wife and child and they caught him and said:

**“This is the teacher who goes to every village, and proclaims Christ.”**

So, they dragged him and beat him and tied his hands. They forced his wife to watch and said:

**“See, here is your wife and child.”**

Holding a big stone in front of him, they asked him:

**“Will you give up Jesus? Otherwise, see this stone? That's the way we will finish you up.”**

The catechist said:

**“I have accepted my Jesus, I will not give Him up!”**

Several times they asked, they kicked. Nothing happened. Finally, they dropped the big stone on his head and he died.

Then they asked his wife:

**“You saw what happened to your husband. Now, will you give up Jesus? You saw your husband's fate; it will happen to you if you do not give up Jesus.”**

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This lady said:

**“If my husband has died for his faith in God, the God who has made us, and the God who loves us, I will not give up. Do whatever you want.”**

This is the kind of courage my people have. When we brought her to Delhi for a public testimony, crying, but loudly, she clearly said what exactly had happened. This lady still survives and tells the world what has happened to them for their faith.

There are hundreds more living examples which I could elaborate on. The courageous testimony, courageous faith manifested, is wonderful. I can only say this – my people have lost property; my people have lost houses; but, today, they are happy, they are joyous!

### **Mysterious Illnesses**

You see, another secret is this: those who took the lead in killing and persecuting – no one really understands what is happening but most of these persecutors are dying from some sickness that even

all the doctors, themselves, don't understand. Mysterious sickness. We don't wish that they die, but things are happening which they themselves don't want to say, neither do we want to say. We simply say, okay – if it happens, if it is God's design, let it happen.

### **Christian Elephants**

Another interesting thing happened. After all the Catholic and Christian houses were destroyed, a huge number of elephants came out of the jungles and destroyed big numbers of the persecutors' houses. They began to call them “Christian elephants” because they only destroyed the persecutors' houses and did not touch any of the Catholics' or Christians' houses.

Maybe, if you look at it this way, it is wonderful that many, many more of these kinds of things are happening.

### **Catholic Leadership Persecuted**

We see God manifesting His presence, but we never say it is God Who is doing it. We just say: “Things are happening.”

For those who take on leadership, things are very

difficult. Sometimes it is difficult to understand the killing. My own niece, a religious nun – it was in the paper, you will be hearing the name of the religious nun – Sister Meena Lalita Barwa, was gang-raped in the public along with a priest of my diocese. I have sent him northeast to Assam so he can be safe to move around because he finds it very difficult at this juncture in this Archdiocese to move freely.

When the mob came, they totally destroyed the Pastoral Center, but we made it now functionable again. My niece, Sister Meena Lalita, and this priest were forced, they were pushed, they were at gun point and all kinds of them, thousands of them, gathered and they tried to force them to have sex in public. They both, Father Chellan originally from Kerala and my niece, said:

**“Kill us, but we will never do that.”**

Finally, they poured kerosene on them to burn them but somehow they did not burn. My niece, this nun, was gang-raped in public and many of the gang are government employees. Now,

because the government has changed, they went to catch 30 of them. It was August 25, 2008 that this happened. My niece, Meena, studied in the college, of course not as a nun but as an ordinary girl, because we wanted her to study continuously and she was always at the top of the class, she did her best.

She wants to also study law so that she can help these kinds of women, those who go through terrible suffering. She has identified those who were leaders and who did this act of violence on her and they are in jail. That way, many, many of them are penalized, are in jail. And at the moment, it is they who are running, not we. They are running because the police are catching them. So they are always on the run and finding it very difficult.

### **As Each Persecution is Over – Another Comes**

But evil never leaves. This persecution is finished but another comes in another way. Now there are the underground people. We call them Maoists. (Editor’s Note: Maoists are Communists who follow the teaching of the Chinese Communist

leader Mao.) A lot of people in my area are abducted, hijacked. Recently, two Italians were hijacked and everyone was pressuring me to make a press release. I did it, of course, but then, my problem is I am in a very sensitive position. If I say anything about the government, the government gets offended and they corner me. If I say anything against these Maoist, underground people, they corner me and my people. And my people find it very difficult to survive, so we are in a fix, but we never lose hope.

### **We Shall Overcome**

With all these things, we say, **"We shall overcome."** And the government people blame me and my people, Catholics and the head of the Church, that we are supporting the Maoists, which we never do. The Police Superintendent, head of the police, and all of them call me, come to me, meet me, and ask me:

**"Bishop, why is this happening?"**

My only answer is:

**"Have a better governance, develop the area, proper and better facilities for the people to live a bet-**

**ter life, then, automatically, things will change."**

And they are asking me to take all these developmental activities in that area. I said:

**"I'm not the person who is responsible for all this."**

But the government said:

**"Do this, we will support you."**

### **God and Our Blessed Mother Will Not Leave Us**

At the same time, it is tough. But I am always with my people in this area and I know nothing will happen to me and to my people. God is with us.

Finally, I want to say that Our Blessed Mother will not leave us. In my diocese, the Fatima Mary, Madonna statue has gone to every village, every house, every corner. People know Her. We also have our own beloved Mother Mary of Velankanni, Mother Mary of our own place. Mother Mary's devotion and love is very great.

### **Mary's Words Should Be Followed and Obeyed**

Surely, we want Mother Mary's love to grow everywhere. If this is an order of Mother Mary of



Fatima that this has to happen, then it should happen. Disobedience, I believe, brought confusion in our world and disobedience will bring more confusion even today. But at the same time, Mother Mary's words should be followed and obeyed. As an Archbishop in the hierarchy of the Church, I can only say, because I have not much knowledge and information, for me what matters is the love of God and devotion to our beloved Mother Mary.

### **Who Should Do It?**

If this thing has to be done, it has to be done. But who

should do it? All of us should do it. The whole Church should do it, not just by one group.

All of us should know and be convinced that this is the urgency and this is the need of the hour. I am convinced, all of us know, all of us bishops, all of us feel that if it has to be done, it should be done, but it should be done with consent, with understanding, with the love of our beloved Mother Mary.

May Mother Mary bless us, may Mother Mary protect Her Church, may Mother Mary protect all Her children.

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#### **From: Father Iosevo Ratuvere Segamirawa, Fiji Islands**

I am the only one from the Pacific and I will certainly promote the Devotion.

I have come to know of the truth of Fatima. I personally am nourished and challenged (by):

the obstacles of the fulfilling of Our Lady's wish, the evil that tries to hinder the Message of Mary.

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#### **From: Father Joseph Ladislaus, India**

The Conference was very good and I loved the experience of it for the first time. I am really very thankful for giving me an opportunity to have participated in such a spiritual Conference conducted by Rev. Fr. Nicholas Gruner and his team. The Conference broadened my vision and knowledge about the message at Fatima and strengthened my spirituality.

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Master of Ceremonies, John Vennari, amidst the busy agenda in two rooms, takes a last minute opportunity to finish his own speech.



Suzanne Pearson spoke about the “Wealth” of Research Material available from the Fatima Center on the FULL Message of Fatima.



Emanuele Tomassini spoke about “The International Crisis: Reasons and Solutions in the Light of Fatima”.



Michal Semin explained “The Sacrificial Nature of the Fatima Message and How It Is Being Undermined Today”.



Peter Chojnowski’s speech was very moving on “Boiling Oil or the Secret?: Absolute Fidelity of the Children of Fatima”.



Christopher Ferrara gave a speech on his soon-to-be published book, *False Friends of Fatima*.