

## Listen to Your Mother:

The following is a continuation of the edited transcript of a speech given by Michael Matt at the *Consecration Now!* Conference in May 2011 entitled “[Why does Rome fiddle while the world burns?](#)” In *The Fatima Crusader Issue 101*, Mr. Matt left us with a very surprising statement made by Pope John XXIII at the opening of the Second Vatican Council on October 11, 1962: “We feel that we must disagree with these prophets of doom who are always forecasting worse disasters as though the end of the world were at hand.” Mr. Matt continues in this issue to address that fallacy ...

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**I**s Our Lady Herself one of Pope John’s ‘prophets of doom’? The Lady who showed the children of Fatima a vision of Hell (which, far from empty, was very much filled with the souls of the damned) gave the world a message that flies directly in the face of the aggiornamento of the new Springtime crowd at Vatican II. Is that the problem?

Let’s be clear: Vatican II is a real council of the Catholic Church. It was convened by men who, presumably, had only the Church’s best interests at heart. But as Father Wiltgen pointed out nearly a half-century ago in his book, *The Rhine Flows Into the Tiber* – and as history itself now corroborates – the Council was

infiltrated by modernists who used it to their own advantage, spawning the so-called “spirit of Vatican II”, which enjoys no protection whatsoever from the Holy Ghost and which has succeeded in undermining the entire Church in the modern world.

### **Within the Church Fatima is Opposed Today**

Our Lady of Fatima speaks of repentance and conversion – two ideas not at all popular in the modern Church today. Repentance? For what! Sin and hell don’t exist anymore, remember? Few priests and even fewer bishops talk about the four last things. Hell may not even exist, but if it does there’s certainly no one in it. That’s what they’re telling us

these days.

And conversion? To what! The Catholic Faith? What does such a pre-conciliar notion do to the confidence of our dialogue partners? Even the Jesuits – the great missionaries of the Church – no longer believe in conversion any more!

### **Our Lord's Mandate Abandoned**

We shudder at the extent to which the famous “black robes”, who carried the Light of Christ even to the darkest corners of the earth, have now abandoned Our Lord's mandate to go out and baptize all nations. In the April 12, 2011 edition of *LMU* (the magazine for Loyola Marymount University), Fr. Thomas Rausch, S.J., wrote an article entitled “The Interreligious Imperative” in which we read:

In 1995, a General Congregation “gathered in Rome, this time under Father General Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, to revise the Society of Jesus' law in light of its revised mission. Among its decrees, including ‘Our Mission and Justice,’ ‘Our Mission and Culture,’ and ‘Cooperation with the Laity in Mission,’ was one on ‘Our Mission and Interreligious Dialogue’ (Decree 5). The latter noted that the society's ‘service of faith’ was now taking place in a world that was religiously pluralistic, and it encouraged Jesuits to recognize that ‘these religions are graced with an authentic

experience of the self-communication of the divine Word and of the saving presence of the divine Spirit’ (no. 6). Encouraging dialogue with other religions, it said, ‘To be religious today is to be interreligious in the sense that a positive relationship with believers of other faiths is a requirement in a world of religious pluralism’ (no. 3).”

### **Religious Indifferentism**

This is the stuff of religious indifferentism and religious indifferentism is yet another error of Russia. It is the attitude which the Communists first used in Russia at the point of a gun, the attitude that they tried to enforce at the point of a gun. And today, the Church is doing it on her own, stripping herself of her own character; as Pope Benedict XVI has said time and time again, our identity as Catholics has been stripped, it is gone.

### **A Cardinal Against Conversion**

Cardinal Walter Kasper, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity for so many years, practically led a crusade against the 400,000 Anglicans who were trying desperately to get aboard the Barque of Peter back in 2007, after their leaky Anglican lifeboat had sunk to the bottom of the sea.

In 2007, the *Catholic Herald*

Sister Lucia asked Jesus why He would not convert Russia without the Holy Father making the Consecration of Russia.

Jesus replied:

"Because I want My whole Church to acknowledge that consecration as a triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary so that it may extend its cult later on and put the devotion to this Immaculate Heart beside the devotion to My Sacred Heart."



interviewed Cardinal Walter Kasper. "It is not our policy to bring that many Anglicans to Rome," said Kasper, "we are on good terms with the Archbishop of Canterbury, and as much as we can we are helping him to keep the Anglican community together."

Our Lady calls the world to conversion. Cardinal Kasper calls the world to stay put: "Today we no longer understand ecumenism in the sense of a return, by which the others would 'be converted' and return to being 'Catholics.' This was expressly abandoned

by Vatican II."

### **Bishops Against Our Lady**

Vatican II, it would seem, is embroiled in a face-off with Our Lady of Fatima.

Clearly, the Church has been infiltrated by modernists who are every bit as ruthless when it comes to true Catholicism as were the Bolsheviks, Leninists and Stalinists. They no longer seem to believe that the Church founded by Christ is the only true Church, outside of which there is no salvation [Editor's Note: This truth has been defined infallibly three

times by three different Popes of the Catholic Church – in 1215, 1302, and 1441] – let alone that the Rosary, penance and conversion play a role in the peace process of far greater significance than their endless ecumenical dialogue. The idea is to move away from all that medieval poppycock, and nobody – not even Our Lady of Fatima Herself! – is going to block the path of their retreat.

This became abundantly obvious even as far back as 1984, when Pope John Paul asked the world episcopate to join him in consecrating *the world* to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in an attempt to comply with at least the spirit (if not the letter) of Our Lady's request at Fatima. He was met with defiance.

### **UK Bishops Scandalized by the Mother of God!**

Consider the reaction of the bishops of England and Wales: In the *Universe* of March 23, 1984, the largest "Catholic" newspaper in the UK, let it be known what Catholics thought of Our Lady of Fatima's request and the Holy Father's attempt to heed it, however ineptly:

"If by participating in this act of dedication Catholics give the impression they're

fostering a cult of Our Lady of Fatima, they will give grave scandal."

Quite obviously, Catholic hierarchs in the UK were scandalized by the Mother of God!

"It is an open secret," noted the *Times* of London in 1984, "that few members of the hierarchy of England and Wales have any enthusiasm for the procedure [to consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary], and have elected to participate in the dedication in the lowest key possible without appearing to challenge the Pope's authority. The hierarchy has not asked Church members to attend special services in their local cathedral, and has not asked parish priests to repeat the prayers of the consecration at services."

The *Catholic Herald* of March 23, 1984 got straight to the point when columnist Jonathan Petre quoted the Catholic secretary of the International Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary as saying: "The papal consecration may even prove an obex (obstacle) to ecumenical progress, judged to be a return to 19th Century thought and devotion." Horror of all horrors! A return to the thought and devotion of the saints

and martyrs of 2000 years of Catholic history!

In the end, Cardinal Hume, according to an article by Hamish Fraser that appeared in *Approaches* at the time, begrudgingly performed the requested Act of Consecration in Westminster Cathedral on March 24, 1984 – but didn't so much as mention Fatima.

### **Errors of Russia Continue to Spread**

In the meantime, the errors of Russia continue to spread unabated throughout the world. They have become a way of life in my country, where under an increasingly godless and socialist regime our freedoms are fading fast, our religion is being criminalized, and it's absolutely expected that women will dress as men, leave the home and enter the "workers' paradise" – just as Karl Marx advocated.

As atheism is now among the fastest growing "religions" in America, powerful democracies are doing exactly what the Communist regime sought to do at the point of a gun in the U.S.S.R. – drive Christ's Church underground or into concentration camps, outlaw public prayer, and mandate that there is no

truth except the anti-dogma that there is no truth. All the while the modern world moves further from the Cross, from the very idea of God – exactly, again, as Karl Marx said it must: "The very idea of God is the keynote of a perverted civilization. It must be destroyed."

### **Russia's Errors Have Now Almost Overcome the World**

The errors of Russia are not a political or economic system. They are, rather, a systematic series of human *non serviam* [I will not serve], hatched in the black recesses of the minds of men like Karl Marx, who famously said: "Our war is against God and the world created by Him."

The errors of Russia are the full frontal assault on the family; the errors of Russia include eugenics and the murderous war against the unborn; the errors of Russia agitate for the death of Christian culture, the apostasy of the peoples of the world, the uncrowning of Christ the King and the enslavement of the masses to sex, drugs, and meaningless labor.

As Catholic historian William Thomas Walsh reported concerning his famous 1946 interview with Sister Lucia:

“But she (Sister Lucia) said more than once, and with deliberate emphasis: ‘What Our Lady wants is that the Pope and all the bishops in the world shall consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart on one special day. If this is done, She will convert Russia and there will be peace. If it is not done, the errors of Russia will spread through every country in the world.’”

(Professor Walsh) “Does this mean, in your opinion, that every country, without exception, will be overcome by Communism?”

Sister Lucia replied, “YES!”<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Walsh, wanting to be positive about the answer of Sister Lucia, repeated the question adding, “and does that mean the United States of America too?” Sister Lucia again answered, “YES!”<sup>2</sup>

### **All of Us Must Now Fully Commit to All Our Lady’s Fatima Commands**

Fatima’s requests must be heeded if Fatima’s dark prophecies are not to become synonymous with our immediate future. Our shepherds must consecrate Russia, and we must pray the Rosary every day, do penance, and fulfill our daily duty – this is the only

peace plan that matters. And this duty includes, of course, the acceptance and proclamation of the empire of Christ the King over all governments and nations. Nothing else will suffice. No political agenda; no voting Republican vs. Democrat; no polls, petitions or politics. It’s too late for all that. “The time for doubting Fatima,” as Pius XII told us, “is passed.”

The late, great Hamish Fraser put it this way:

“What we must do is to bring home the essential, world-shaking significance of the message of Our Lady of Fatima to everyone we know, to all our relatives, friends and connections everywhere. What we must do is, by such means, give rise to an immense movement capable of activating all the energies of the Church, whose faith can indeed move mountains. And finally let us look upwards and at the same time forward, on the one hand, to what has been promised by the Queen of Heaven, and, on the other hand, to the means of ensuring that Her demands are fulfilled here below. In other words, let us do whatever we can possibly do to stimulate and activate all the energies of Mother Church towards

the achievement of Objective Number One: the collegial consecration of Russia to Mary's Immaculate Heart."

That is our job. That is our duty. These are the marching orders given directly to us by the Queen of Heaven Herself.

### **Tear Down This Wall!**

In June of 1987, an American president stood at the Brandenburg Gate near the Berlin Wall, and in a voice that resounded across the world, uttered these now-famous words: "General Secretary Gorbachev, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Soviet Union and eastern Europe, if you seek liberalization, come here to this gate. Mr. Gorbachev, open this gate. Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall."

Powerful words from a powerful man! And the Wall did come down.

There were no conversions. Wars and rumors of wars sprang up faster than ever. Millions upon millions of babies were subsequently slaughtered. Pornography, violence, suicide, alcoholism and apostasy ran rampant. Drug and border wars erupted everywhere, even as the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York braced for a terrorist attack that would change the world forever and leave country after country embroiled in seemingly endless wars at home and abroad.

### **Silent Apostasy**

The Silent Apostasy rightly lamented by Pope John Paul II

## **SEND ROSES DOWN FROM HEAVEN**

**"I will send down a shower of Rose Petals from Heaven." ... St. Thérèse**

You can help spread Our Lady of Fatima's Urgent Message of Hope and Peace throughout the world, even after God calls you to your eternal reward. Millions of souls will be lost if Our Blessed Mother's requests are not heeded and the Consecration of Russia is not done as she requested. For the sake of those souls, as well as your own, we beg you to remember Our Lady's Apostolate in your will.

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rose to such heights after the Wall came down that the Holy Father spent his last few years on this earth lamenting the fact that all of his attempts to convince the European Union to even mention its Christian roots in the new constitution were in vain.

Our Lady of Fatima stood in the wings and watched the Wall come down, knowing that it marked not the end but the beginning of the greatest apostasy of all.

What's the lesson? That moment in 1987 can never be repeated. America was strong. A powerful and dynamic Pope sat in Peter's chair. The Evil Empire was financially broken beyond repair. The clerical sex scandals were nothing more than a gleam in satan's eye. And yet Fatima's requests were ignored – the world sank deeper into chaos, even welcoming homosexual marriage with open arms, fomenting even more evil and unjust wars, aborting even more babies, and dramatically curbing what few civil liberties were left here (in America) in the house the Enlightenment built.

Today, the Assisi Prayer Meetings and the World Youth Days give no sign of reversing our titanic collision with the

massive iceberg of chastisement.

### **Holy Father, Tear Down This Wall**

I conclude my talk here today with a paraphrase of Ronald Reagan's famous speech outside the Berlin Wall. On bended knee and with anguish and even desperation in our hearts, let us say to the Holy Father:

"Holy Father, if you seek peace, if you seek prosperity for the Church and the world, if you seek liberalization, come to the Gate of Heaven. Come to the Morning Star. Holy Father, do what She tells you. Holy Father, tear down this wall of Modernism in the Church and consecrate Russia now." **FC**

**Note of the Author:** This talk contains a number of references to the Fatima saga that first appeared in the late, great Hamish Fraser's *Approaches* magazine decades ago. We credit Hamish for his insights and prophetic observations, and ask God to grant eternal rest to that lion of the old Faith, if, indeed, He has not already long since done so. *MJM*

#### **Notes:**

1. William Thomas Walsh, *Our Lady of Fatima*, New York, The Macmillan Company, 1947, p. 226.
2. Reported by Prof. Walsh's translator, Father Manuel Rocha; cited by Louis Kacmarek in *The Wonders She Performs*, Manassas, Virginia, Trinity Communications, 1986, p. 160.