

I can see the enormity of this gathering, what dedication, what potential.

Finally, I would like to end my talk with that beautiful prayer of the bishops of Portugal. Try to make it your prayer,

“We the pontiffs of our people, feel a terrible storm raging around us, threatening to disperse and destroy the faithful flock of those who bless You because You are the Mother of Jesus. Afflicted, we stretch out our suppliant hands towards Your Son, as we cry out: ‘Save us O Lord, for we perish.’

“Our Lady, intercede for Portugal in this most grave hour when from the East blow furious winds, bringing cries of death against Your Son and against the civilization founded on His teachings, deceiving minds, perverting hearts, and lighting the fires of hatred and revolution in the world. *Help of Christians, pray for us!*

“Intercede for Portugal, O Blessed Lady, in this

troubled hour when the impure waves of brazen immorality (which has even lost the very notion of sin, dares to proclaim, before the Cross of Your Son, the exaltation of the flesh) threatens, throughout the world, to choke the lily of purity nourished by the Eucharistic Blood of Jesus. — *Virgin Most Powerful, pray for us!*

“Intercede for Portugal, O Blessed Lady, in this hour of passions and doubts when even the good run the risk of being lost ... Unite all the Portuguese people in obedience to Your Son, in the love of the Church and also in the cultivation of virtue, in respect for order and fraternal charity. *Queen of Peace, pray for us!*

“Remember finally, Patroness of our country, that Portugal once taught so many lands to proclaim You blessed among all women. In remembrance of what it once did for Your glory, Our Lady of Fatima, save it, giving it Jesus, in Whom it will find Truth, Life and Peace.” *Amen.* ☩

Expressions of Gratitude

“This conference gave me a very clear exposition of the urgency of the Message. It was challenging. I am going to be a Marian priest to do all I can to please Our Lady and Her command.”
... *Father Francis*