

Pope Benedict XVI Vindicates Fatima Center

At Fatima, on May 13, 2010, before 500,000 pilgrims, the Holy Father proclaimed:

“Whoever thinks that the prophetic mission of Fatima is over, is DECEIVED.”

“May these seven years that divide us from the centennial of the apparitions bring forth soon the FORESEEN TRIUMPH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.”

After 33 Years We Have Been Vindicated

At long last, at Fatima, before 500,000 people, through the prayers and sacrifices of children of Mary like you, our Holy Father has proclaimed, **for all the world to hear**, what we have been shouting from the rooftops:

**Fatima is NOT over!
Our Lady’s Triumph is in
the future NOT the past!**

The Fatima Challenge, right on the doorstep of the Vatican, just days before the Pope spoke, has made an unprecedented breakthrough towards Our Lady of Fatima’s long awaited Triumph.

The global impact of our *Fatima Challenge* Conference on the Church and the world and the still-very-much-threatened future of mankind

cannot yet be fully known.

One of our greatest challenges was to get past the deceptions, lies and half-truths put out by various false Fatima apostolates and by the deceiving and deceived Cardinals and bishops inside the Vatican.

Those Vatican doors were — and still are — closed to us. The only way to get through is by shouting the truth about Fatima from the rooftops.

And we succeeded. We let our voice resound from our *Fatima Challenge* web site right through to the Vatican hallways, reaching the very ears of the Holy Father himself!

The Holy Father DID Hear Us!

Not only that, as you carefully read below what the Holy Father said to the press,

he has also vindicated the Fatima Center in what we have been specifically saying for the last 10 years about the Cardinal Bertone/Sodano deception regarding the Third Secret.

In *The Devil's Final Battle* (2002 and 2010 editions) and *The Fatima Crusader* No. 71 (2002) and No. 67 (2001), we demonstrated the crisis in the priesthood is predicted in the Fatima Third Secret.

The Holy Father Agrees!

On Benedict XVI's flight to Portugal on May 11, the world's press asked a number of written questions. One of the few the Pope chose to answer was the following:

"What is the current significance of the Fatima apparitions? When you introduced at the Vatican press conference the text of the Third Secret in June 2000, someone asked you if the message could be extended not only to the assassination attempt against John Paul II but also to the other sufferings by the Popes.

"Is it possible, in your own opinion, to include in that vision the pain that the Church is suffering today due to the pedophilia abuses?"

Pope Benedict replied:

"...In addition to this great vision of the suffering of the Pope, which we can substantially refer to John Paul II, **are also pointed out realities of the future of the Church, which unfold and reveal themselves day by day.**

"That is, it is true that in addition to the moment indicated by the vision, [the Secret] speaks, shows the necessity of a passion of the Church, which obviously is reflected in the person of the Pope, but the Pope is within the Church, therefore these are sufferings for the Church that are being foretold... and as far as the novelty that we can now discover in this message, it is that:

"not only from the outside come the attacks to the Pope and the Church, but the sufferings of the Church come right from the inside of the Church, by the sins committed inside the Church itself.

"We knew this already, but today we see this in the most horrifying way: that the greatest persecution against the Church doesn't come from its enemies outside, but from the sins within. And that the Church has therefore a great need to re-learn penance, to accept

purification, to learn forgiveness but also the necessity for justice. Forgiveness doesn't substitute for justice.

“...we must always remember that the powers of good are present and that in the end Our Lord is stronger than the devil and that **Our Lady is our Guarantee.**”

This is the first time that the Pope, or anyone else in the Vatican, has acknowledged that the vision (and the still hidden text of Our Lady's words in **the Third Secret**) **refers to the still unfolding future history of the Church.**

This is the Pope, the Vicar of Christ, telling us the Fatima prophecy is unfolding NOW. That the Church is undergoing a passion foretold in the Third Secret. **That the sexual abuse scandals involving the clergy are part of the Secret.**

And is all of this contained in the published vision?

“No!” says Antonio Socci, writing on May 12-13, 2010.¹ He is the author of the book, *The Fourth Secret of Fatima*. He writes: “...the ‘fourth secret’ (that is the part of the Third Secret which has not been published yet) exists,

and the words of the Pope on the pedophilia scandal are a proof.”²

The Vatican's 2000 publication of the vision of the bishop dressed in white **who is killed**, is what Cardinal Bertone **claimed** was all fulfilled in the past and that the vision is concretely about the assassination attempt against John Paul II.

Now, astoundingly, the Pope has explicitly contradicted the Bertone Party Line and told the world there is a new dimension to the Third Secret: it is about the present and future of the Church.

Socci further writes: “The Pope is performing a great Operation Truth on Fatima... even if this means contradicting the interpretations (of the Third Secret) given by the (Vatican) Secretaries of State.”³

These Vatican Secretaries of State are Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone and his predecessor, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, both of whom affirmed that the events in the vision of the Third Secret are in the past.

Bravely casting aside all

1. See his two articles on this subject on pages 11 and 26 of this issue.

2. See the article starting on [page 26](#) of this issue.

3. Ibid.

diplomacy and evasion, and at the risk of incurring even more animosity from those bureaucrats who surround the Chair of Peter, the Pope is telling the Truth:

Fatima is the key to understanding the present crisis in the Church and what the future does hold.

The Italian press has been on fire with reports. Consider the following recent headlines:

"The Pope at Fatima: The Prophecies announce other tragedies", by Vaticanista Andrea Tornielli - *Il Giornale* (May 14, 2010).

"The Prophecy of Fatima is not yet Fulfilled: There Will be Wars and Terror" - *Corriere della Sera* (May 13, 2010).

"Why the Pope is contradicting Bertone", by Antonio Socci - *Libero* (May 13, 2010).

"The Pope: Even Pedophilia was in the 3rd Secret", by Carlo Marroni - *24 Ore* (May 12, 2010).

"Pedophilia is in the 3rd Secret of Fatima. The words of the Pope on flight to Lisbon." - *Corriere della Sera* (May 12, 2010).

"Fatima had foreseen it" (Pe-

dophilia crisis) - *La Repubblica* (May 12, 2010).

By the grace of God, we will continue this battle until the Triumph of Our Lady of Fatima.

We will **continue** to do so until satan is defeated, Russia is converted and a period of peace is given to the world.

How much time do we have to do our part in this great work of mercy enjoined on us by Our Lady? Do we even have seven years?

This is why we need to press on with our work most urgently — NOW — while we have the Pope's attention and the media spotlight that *The Fatima Challenge* has given us.

But We Can't Stop Now!

The Holy Father has slowly but progressively navigated closer and closer to the FULL Fatima Message. It has taken 33 years of Father Gruner's life to get this great breakthrough.

But that does not mean that the anti-Fatima party inside the Vatican is going to stop its opposition — or just go away.

On the contrary, the *de facto* silencing of the full Fatima Message goes on and on. As Father Gruner explained in



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(1) The 15 decades of the Rosary were prayed daily during the Conference. On this occasion, it was led by three children. **(2)** Father Gruner giving one of his lectures. **(3)** John Vennari, Edwin Faust, Christopher Ferrara and John Salza during one of the Crossfire sessions. **(4)** Some of the crowd of attendees at *The Fatima Challenge* Conference. **(5)** Another view of the crowd. **(6)** A number of bishops from *The Fatima Challenge* among other bishops at the Papal Audience on Wednesday. **(7)** Another Crossfire session.

the DVD *Heaven's Key to Peace*:

Just as, at the time of Christ, the Pharisees would not directly attack St. John the Baptist's message. Rather, they pretended to respect him — but really didn't; they did not dare to attack him openly because the public believed the Baptist to be truly from God.

So, too, today the Pharisees, the opponents to Fatima in the Vatican, pretend in public to give support and allegiance to Our Lady of Fatima — all the while doing all they can privately to get people to not know or realize the vital importance of the full Fatima Message. They still hide the full text of the Third Secret.

We know that many of the Pope's own officials are not with him. That is why it is up to us to help Pope Benedict get the **FULL** Message out there and finally implement Our Lady of Fatima's requests.

We need to make it clear to those of good will, who still labor under the illusion of the Bertone Party Line, to now see the light, to get the proper Fatima perspective.

Besides the disinformation of Sodano and Bertone, there

are the 50 years of silencing of Sister Lucy, and the hiding of Our Lady's words since 1960. This has caused and still causes further confusion and ignorance about Fatima.

Now that the Pope has put Fatima back on the front page of the daily and weekly papers, we must use this occasion to put the word out to a wider audience. And even more, we must counteract the watering down of the Pope's Fatima Message. Let us explain:

First, let us recall what Socci said about the anti-Fatima forces in the Vatican:

"Now perhaps certain forces inside the Curia will search for a way to prevent these declarations of the Pope, which are so explicit, from being understood in their full significance. And they might try to stop the Pope from ever repeating them again."

We must shout out the Pope's May 2010 Fatima message — just as we do Our Lady's full message — louder and clearer and wider, not only to those who have not heard or read these truths, but to those who ended up with a watered down version.

The Pope needs our prayers and support. By various ways, others silence Our Lady of Fatima and even now *de facto* silence Pope Benedict's bombshell at Fatima. In response, with your help, the Fatima Center must shout it out all the louder from the rooftops.

We MUST continue to proclaim more openly — to a wider audience still — the WHOLE truth about Our Lady of Fatima's Message that:

- FATIMA is the **ONLY** way to World Peace;
- FATIMA is the **ONLY** way to save many millions of souls;
- FATIMA cannot be ignored, despised or forgotten;
- FATIMA, more than ever, **IMPOSES THE OBLIGATION TO OBEY** on all of us, even on the Pope and the bishops.

As we get closer to victory, the attacks will be fiercer and mightier, but we cannot lose heart. Remember, Scripture tells us that Our Lady is also prepared for battle:

“Who is She that cometh forth as the morning rising, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army set in battle array?” (Can-

ticles 6:9)

She invites us to renew our resolve and to get others to join Her in this holy battle. This is why *The Fatima Crusader* and *The Fatima Challenge* are so important.

These teaching instruments demonstrate to the Pope that we are with him; that there are loyal Catholics willing to join him, praying that he will have the complete understanding, the courage, the love, the trust to complete the perilous, but most necessary journey of truth on which he has embarked.

We all must become even more dedicated apostles of Our Lady of Fatima! She is the world's last hope and the Holy Father's only refuge from the storms that swirl about him.

Fatima IMPOSES an OBLIGATION on the Church

Pope Benedict XVI quoted the late Patriarch of Lisbon, Cardinal Manuel Cerejeira, who said:

“It was not the Church that imposed Fatima, but it was **Fatima that imposed itself on the Church.**”

Indeed. Pope Benedict has said it, as did his predecessor,

Pope John Paul II: “**Fatima imposes an obligation on the Church.**”

We must urge others to come forward and encourage the Pope to remain steadfast as we are at war and he is our commander-in-chief on this earth; that this is the final battle, as Our Lady told Sister Lucy.

Satan is fighting furiously, with all his legions, and has already destroyed many souls. He is not interested in dialogue — only conquest. Each day, he drags more souls to hell.

The Pope needs to fight back, and he needs, very soon, to use the **only weapons** in his arsenal that will work: those given him by Our Lady of Fatima.

Fatima is a call to penance and conversion, as the Pope says. But it is much more than that: Our Lady makes specific requests that must be obeyed: (1) The Pope **must** consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary together with all the bishops of the Catholic Church on the same day.

(2) The Pope **must** promise to promote the Five First Saturdays devotion upon the conversion of Russia.

(3) The FULL Third Secret of Fatima **must** be released.

It was heartening to see the constant cheering and applause of the over 500,000 pilgrims who came to see and hear the Pope’s speech at Fatima.

They wanted him to know that they support his brave efforts to clean up the clergy, discipline his bishops and set the house of the Church in order.

It seems the Holy Father knows what he must do, but he has powerful enemies and is very discouraged by the recent media attacks against him, as though he were personally responsible for all corruption.

He needs fervent friends. Just as WE do! We must strike anew, with redoubled strength, carrying Our Lady’s banner on high. With your help, we have done so much already, but much more remains. Stay with us. Victory is near.

Is it a Coincidence?

Shortly after *The Fatima Challenge*, upon the Pope’s return from Fatima, he said the Fatima Message is “charged” with hope, “**challenge**” and “comforting”. 