

Fatima Discarded – Evangelism Thwarted

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We must remember that it is by the grace of God and by obeying the laws of grace that the Catholic Church flourishes, or withers by disobeying. Fatima is central to the prosperity or the quasi-suicide of the Church. This is explained briefly in this article.

I recently watched a DVD about the situation in the Church today, and the thought struck me that they were ignoring something. There was no reference to the Message of Fatima. It ignored this message in its overall assessment of the situation in the Church. But surely when God offered the sovereign remedy of the Consecration [of Russia], it really was a 'sovereign' remedy. This is linked with the fact that the Church on earth is intended to be the 'Church militant'. This militancy is best expressed through its power of evangelization. Take for instance what happened in the Counter-Reformation, and compare it with the situation today. In that era, God clearly bestowed a great outpouring of grace, inspiring the conversion of the Americas and a rejuvenation of the

Apostolic spirit. Then indeed was the Church, 'the Church militant'.

Clearly, this outpouring of grace was because it was God's will for the conversion of those newly-discovered territories. And today, according to what Our Lady has revealed, it is God's will for Russia to be consecrated to Her Immaculate Heart. That is His will, as much as it was His will for the Church to evangelize the Americas. Not to fulfill the plan revealed at Fatima is to impede God's grace as a whole, it is to defy the divine imperative. Any alternate strategy for the Church will be human in derivation, and so will not be in accordance with the divine plan. Thus the lamentable situation in the Church follows from this effective rebellion. **FC**