

# Our Lady of Fatima A Light in the Darkness Prophet of Love

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I am very happy to be able to participate in this "Consecration Now!" Conference with you and I thank you for allowing me to share in your life, your prayers, your sentiments, your joys and your worries.

I thank you in particular for being able to associate myself with you in this hard battle, for making me understand that the Message of Fatima is not at all over and finished, and that there is still a lot to be done to comply with the will of our Most Holy Mother, Who asked for the Consecration of Russia.

And what is Russia doing in our time, a country which brutalizes and enslaves the human being? A scandal has been prepared for us of contempt for the reign of Her Son; He, Who is calling us to conversion, intercession and

reparation.

## We Are in the Darkness of Night

I had already prepared a reflection about the "Night of the Sentiments", having read a recent message of Father Gruner who feels himself alone in this battle to make the inmost secrets of Fatima understood; in particular, the Third Secret.

Indeed, this seems to me to be the battle of David and Goliath. But with a big difference – in this case, both David and Goliath love Our Mother and everyone looks toward obedience to the faith.

We find ourselves in the darkness of night. Though both darkness and light occupy our hearts, our reason seems to be in a fog.

How can we make it understood to others what Our

Mother seems so clearly to give us to understand?

How can we move forward with obedience to the Faith – Faith which is beyond all human authority?

I believe the way has been shown to us by our Most Holy Mother, Herself, to understand the meaning of this battle – a battle that provokes the antipathy which stirs within our souls.

### **It Is Necessary to Look Within Ourselves**

But in order to look within ourselves we have to let ourselves be guided by the sentiments of Mary, especially those sentiments She experienced on Holy Saturday.

How do we confront strange sentiments? Do we confront them as if they were impenetrable breastplates or changing winds? At other times we find within ourselves sentiments of contrast, of resistance, and make of them a law telling us there is nothing we can do. In reality the sentiments of other people are changeable and we have to watch and search until the door is opened.

Here we provide a prayer for this conference:

### **The Cry of Many Goes Forth: “Consecration Now!”**

Teach us, O Lord, to return, to try here where until now we have not had success.

We don't know, O Mary, what manner of profound consolation Thou didst sustain on Thy Holy Saturday, but we are sure that He, Who gratified Thee with that gift in decisive moments of Thy existence, sustained Thee also on that day. The force of the spirit that was always with Thee from the beginning, sustained Thee also in the moment of Thy darkness and the apparent defeat of Thy Jesus.

O Mary, pray that we, too, are sustained by this same grace.

### **The Fatima Prophecy of Love Can Change the World**

Dear friends, we are convinced that the prophecy of love can change the world – that prophecy which Mary came to give us at Fatima.

Fatima offers us a great vision if a time of war comes. Her Motherly Heart is in pain because of future wars and because of the internal



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destruction of the Church by apostasy. Faced with this cry of pain and suffering, She invites us to sing the prophecy of love.

### **Bishops Should Nurture the Holy Rosary**

I conclude with these words: A bishop should nurture his Marian piety, both personally and in community, with the pious exercises approved and recommended by the Church, especially the prayer of that compendium of the Gospel which is the Holy Rosary.

In addition to becoming an expert himself at this form of prayer, based on contemplating the salvific events of the life of Christ in which His Mother was associated, each bishop is also invited to promote it diligently.

But will the mere prayer of

the Holy Rosary not be too little to stop the apocalyptic catastrophes that seem to be developing?

Too little!? On the contrary – I think it is a lot – if we really begin to believe in Our Blessed Lady and if the praise given therein is generated by love. Love generates a meeting of hearts and drives away fear. Love for the poor gives joy. Faith and prayer move the mountains of hate. The life of the Church, humbly, but persistently, can light the way for the world.

The Most Holy Virgin Mary, with Her servants and with us, shows us the way. God has given the world a gift in Mary – the prophecy of love – and we must look toward Jesus, Prophet of love crucified by love, and we should *never* give up.

Thank you very much. 