

Holy Father:

Trust in Our Lady Consecrate Russia Now!

Following is an edited transcript of the Opening Welcome address to the Fatima Center's "Consecration Now!" Conference held in Rome from May 9 to 13, 2011.

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First of all, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of you from all of us here – from Father Gruner, from our esteemed bishops and priests, from all the speakers, from everyone that made this "Consecration Now!" Conference possible.

You may think you know why you came here, as do we. But it is Our Lady who has drawn us together because She has called us; She has a job for us to do. And by the time you leave here, She will have planted that seed in your mind and in your soul, why She has called you and what She wants you, in particular, to do.

We All Must Persevere

Our Lady, above all, wants you to persevere and not give up, not ever. We must take up Our Lady of Fatima's banner

and forge ahead, despite the difficulties, the obstacles that we will surely meet.

I invite you to read "I Cannot Neglect My God or My Mother", the Opening Welcome speech by Bishop Paul Khoarai (see page 9). He tells us, among other things in his inspiring address, how, despite being in the hospital and the doctor's warnings not to come, he did what he does best – he came anyway. Because he refused to let Our Lady down and because, in his words, "I'm better here than at home because I am really at home with Christ, Mary, Peter and Paul."

So, we must persevere, pray, work and listen – open our ears to what Our Lady is telling each one of us in our own walks of life. We have to just keep our nose to the grindstone and do whatever

it takes to bring about full obedience to Our Lady's request for the Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart.

It's been far too long, about 94 years, since Our Lady said, "Consecrate Russia." *Why* hasn't it been done? And that leads us to *Why* this conference.

We Are United in Our Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

We have a very specific common denominator as to why we are all here, and that is a great love for and devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. By the grace of God, that devotion has cleared the fog from our eyes to see truths that are seemingly blinded to much of the world, even in the ecclesiastical world. We know there's something lacking and we know that something important has to be done, and we are all going to work together to make that happen. "Can't" is not in Our Lady's dictionary and it *must not* be in ours.

So roll up your sleeves – we're going to work, we're going to learn, we're going to listen and we're going to go out and spread the full

Fatima Message to the rest of the world.

When there is a sufficient grassroots swelling to plea to the Holy Father, he will listen. Right now he's surrounded by politicians, many ill-advisors and all kinds of so-called reasons and excuses as to why he thinks he cannot do the consecration. Our job is to make him know – not only to think – he can do it.

"Consecration Now!" is an Historical Event

"Consecration Now!" is a conference that can turn a page in history. It's a conference that can be instrumental in bringing about true world peace in this war-torn world. It's a conference to inform people, particularly our Holy Father, that he does have strong support worldwide to make the Consecration of Russia as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

I would like to take just a moment to pay special tribute to those who made this conference possible. We have many people worldwide that are supporters and they have prayed and they have sacrificed, and they have donated – I'm sure you can imagine the huge expense of bring-

ing a conference such as this to Rome and to put it on the internet and on television.

Fatima TV Broadcasts 24/7 to the Vatican and Rome

We are broadcasting here in Rome on our own Fatima TV station. (See the photo of our official launching on [page 35](#).) Everybody questioned me: "Are you crazy? How can you put on a 24 hour, 7 days a week station on Fatima in Italian? In Rome? You can't even speak or write Italian!"

But we did it, because we have faith and trust in Our Lady. All we know is that it seemed like a good thing for Her – so do it, don't question it, just do it.

And that's what we want to impart to the Holy Father. We hear all kinds of excuses, "Well, there's politics in the way," and numerous other so-called reasons why he feels he cannot do the consecration.

Surely he knows the Message of Fatima. He knows what Our Lady requested. So, why isn't he doing it?

It Only Takes a Five-minute Prayer!

It takes a five-minute prayer. Five minutes! Maybe it's too easy. Maybe that's why he figures: "Oh, that can't

possibly change the world; that can't convert Russia; that can't bring world peace; that can't save millions of souls. Surely you jest! A five-minute prayer!?"

But wait a minute. Who's asking us to do this? It's not another politician, it's not a President, it's not me, it's not even Father Gruner. For that matter, it's not even the Pope or the Cardinals or the bishops asking for it. It's Our Lady asking for it. But it is not just Our Lady asking for it, God Himself sent Her to give us this Message.

God Endorsed Our Lady's Request So Why Isn't It Being Obeyed?

God gave us a solution through His Holy Mother. Why aren't we doing it? Why isn't the Pope trusting in Him? Why isn't the Pope trusting in Her? Forget what the politicians say, "It might offend somebody," or "We think maybe it's already done." For those who use the excuse it's already done – they didn't follow the formula! If you leave things out of a cake you're making, it's not going to bake. You're not going to have a cake. Who are we to leave words out of



Coralie Graham in her address asks, “Why doesn’t the Pope just trust Our Lady and do what She asks?”



Tenor Sergio Panajia, opera singer in Italy, paid special tribute to Our Lady singing the *Ave Maria*. He also dedicated another beautiful piece of music about “winning” to the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart.



Our Lady's request? Why do they consistently leave out RUSSIA?

Instead, they consecrate the world. Why are they consecrating the world? Our Lady said RUSSIA. Consecrate RUSSIA! When you baptize a baby, you don't baptize all the babies in the world. You want to baptize that particular baby for a reason.

So how can these people that are so knowledgeable think they can change Our Lady's words? If they change mine, okay, fair game. Maybe I didn't know what I was talking about. But to change Our Lady's words is to change God's words and I don't think that's a good position to be in.

Souls Are at Stake!

What's more, it's not putting any of us in a good position because we will suffer from either annihilation or enslavement under a regime that is godless. Only God knows whether we would have the courage, the stamina, to stand by Christ, if an armed, anti-God tyrant threatens: "If you don't deny Christ, we're going to torture and kill your children, your mother, your grandfather, your loved ones, right in front of you." All you

have to do is just say, "I don't believe in God."

Oh, we think now it's easy for us to stand here and say: "Oh, not me. I'm not going to deny God." But there are a lot of people that maybe haven't prayed enough or been informed enough from the pulpit, or had people praying for them, that they may not be able to withstand that kind of ultimatum.

They will think they're doing the right thing by denying God to save their brothers and sisters, and whispering under their breath – "I really didn't mean it God." They won't know any better. It's those people, those souls who are in jeopardy, perhaps even including our own. So every day we delay doing our job in bringing about the fulfillment of Our Lady's request, every day more souls are lost.

We Can Wait No Longer

Do you see what's happening in the world today? Sin has run rampant. It's increasing. It's escalating at a frightening degree. It's so important we act now. Every minute we lose, more souls are lost into the depths of hell for all eternity.

That's why we can't sit back

and say, "Well, Our Lady said that eventually one day Her Immaculate Heart will triumph." We can't wait for that because if we wait, how many of our brothers and sisters, or our own souls, will be in hell watching it? It won't do them any good then, it's too late.

The Holy Father Will Consecrate Russia, But It Will Be Late

Some people confuse the issue of the Consecration being late with *too* late. Yes it is late but it is not too late for the Triumph. That will come. What they don't understand is that it is too late for those souls already lost because the Triumph wasn't worked for hard enough and because this has slipped through the Holy Father's radar – that his delays are sacrificing thousands, maybe millions of his people's souls.

So we have to act and we have to act now. We're asking the Holy Father:

"Trust Our Lady. Just trust Her. Holy Father, all you need is the faith of a mustard seed, that's all it takes. Just trust Her and do what She says."

We Must Not Be Doubting Thomas's

God created the stupendous Miracle of the Sun so we would believe. He knows what we're like – doubting Thomas's – we're kind of skeptical – "I don't know if I really believe that or not."

We must pray for the Holy Father, to not join the ranks of the doubting Thomas's. You can't deny God's Miracle of the Sun witnessed by over 70,000 people and the miraculous cures and the torrential downpour of rain; and immediately after the Miracle of the Sun, they were not only dry but their clothes which were muddy from kneeling, were now clean. I don't know if ever before in history there has been such a miracle like that. God went to an awful lot of trouble so that our little pea brains could believe:

"Hey, this is coming from Me, God. This is important! So important that I created so stupendous a miracle and I sent one of My most treasured, if not the most treasured possessions to you. I sent My Holy Mother to give you a message because you guys messed it up down there!"

Look at the world and what it is today. But God is so loving, He gave us another chance, and another chance, and another chance. He's given us now the supreme chance.

All He asks of the Pope and the bishops is to listen to His Mother – and do a five-minute prayer.

Now a lot of those people I mentioned who made this conference possible expressed the same sentiment – “Oh, if I only had just two minutes to talk to the Holy Father, what would I say?” And so on behalf of them, what they have to say is this:

“Holy Father, please! All we’re asking for is a five-minute prayer asked for by Our Lady of Fatima, commanded and endorsed by God Himself.

“We’re not asking for millions of dollars to do it. It costs nothing but a five-minute prayer. This simple, prayerful act of obedience is the only solution to bring true world peace to our world and salvation for millions of souls. Our Lady Herself told us all, ‘Only I can help you.’”

The Holy Father doesn't

even have to pay for TV time for this public prayer with the Catholic bishops of the world. They'll give it to him free.

So what is preventing the Holy Father from trusting and obeying Our Lady, when he alone has the power to save millions of souls of his very own flock?

And that is why this “Consecration Now!” Conference is so very important.

The experts we have gathered here from around the world are going to tell you things you didn't know. And I dare say they're going to mention things that will help you understand, “Why isn't the Holy Father doing the Consecration?”

There will be a lot of reasons but the average person, like myself, still says:

“Holy Father, you think you have a good reason, but, why aren't you trusting Our Lady? Now if you're afraid repercussions will happen if you do the consecration, don't you understand Our Lady will mediate all that? You don't have to be afraid of anything if you're doing what Our Lady asked you to do.”

It's a matter – as we're al-

ways taught as Catholics – of doing God’s will. We’re not going to be jeopardized. We’re not going to be annihilated. We’re not going to be offending the Russian people – but ONLY if we do what God asked us to do.

It’s Pure and Simple

God is not out to offend them. God is not out to cause other problems for doing what He told us to do. It is so simple. Yes, we hear about all these so-called insurmountable problems the Pope has, as to why he hasn’t done the consecration. All of that is a fallacy. All of that is not trusting in God and not trusting in Our Lady.

Our Lady Protects Her Dear Ones

I have been watching the news lately and everyone is speaking about the earthquake that’s supposed to be hitting Rome in a couple of days. Some people are very frightened about it. Now I’m not frightened about it but that is because I trust in Our Lady, and I’ll tell you a little story that happened to me some years ago, back in Fort Erie.

I was working late at the office to meet a *Crusader* dead-

line and this statue of Our Lady of Fatima was there with me. I always feel safe when She’s there. Father Gruner was away; actually, everyone was away and there was just Our Lady and me.

There were tornado warnings and I battened down the hatches, as they say, and was prepared. I was absorbed in my work and after a long while I realized the storm had not come and thought it must have changed direction. False alarm, it didn’t come. It being very late, I went home to bed.

The next morning, I was reading the newspaper and saw that it did come and it showed a map of the storm’s path. The diagram showed a tornado coming straight from Buffalo, New York directly toward the Fatima Center in Fort Erie; but when it got to the perimeter of the center, it detoured around and came back on its original path, just *after* it passed us. I looked at the newspaper, amazed.

Of course, the detour was around the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

That is just one example but look also at what happened at Hiroshima. A huge area was devastated, flattened out by the bomb except for one

house left standing right in the middle of the rubble.

Why? They were praying the Rosary. They had a Brown Scapular and a Rosary on their door. They were untouched and the house was untouched. Normally, anyone who did survive would have died from radiation within days or moments, but the priests inside lived and never had any future effects of radiation.

So, you don't think Our Lady takes care of Her dear ones as She promised? Well, I'm not saying I'm one of Her dear ones but I certainly hope so. I certainly must try every day as hard as I can to be one of Her dear ones. But I believe the Holy Father is a dear one. I'm sure one of Her dearest ones. And what we want to do is have the Holy Father think about that – to just put everything else out of his mind and trust Our Lady.

Stop Ignoring Our Lady

God gives us so many miracles so we can know He's there and He'll help us, but we have to stop ignoring Him and His Holy Mother. And I dare say, "We want the Vatican to stop ignoring Them." Just forget everything and listen to Our

Lady of Fatima.

Our Lady's Dear Ones

Before I leave you, I'd like to pay one more special tribute – to Father Gruner, our leader. Although I don't use the word "can't," there would be almost a "can't do" if Father Gruner weren't leading us on this perilous but joyful path of doing Our Lady's work.

Most of you who know him are aware that he has given up his whole life for Fatima, and that means giving up most nights of rest as well. He works tirelessly day and night, and without his leadership we certainly wouldn't have gotten as far as we have.

Also our workers here – our employees, the volunteers – they worked night and day for weeks before we came and with very few hours rest since our arrival.

It has taken everybody together. It has taken you to make it happen – your prayers and your well wishes and your being here to pick up the flag of Our Lady and carry it forth. Thank you and God bless you. **EC**

**Offer your Holy Rosary
for the
Consecration of Russia**