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SOME WISE WORDS FROM FATHER GRUNER

When this article was written, the pontificate of Pope Francis was but six days old, and yet certain pundits and commentators of the Internet were already publicly rending their cyber garments and pronouncing the new Pope anathema: his humility is really pride, he hates the traditional Latin Mass, his former archdiocese is a disaster area, etc. Read why the author and Father Gruner tell us that these pronouncements are wrong.

By Christopher A. Ferrara

Father Gruner is a prudent man, as anyone who knows him as opposed to the caricature produced by his critics) can attest. When asked what he thinks of the new Pope, his reply was characteristically prudent: “You can criticize anybody for anything. For example, if someone works hard he must be overly ambitious. Or if he dresses plainly he is just trying to impress people with his frugality. Or if he shows loyalty he is only trying to curry favor with a higher-up. That kind of guessing game about motives never ends. And what does it get us besides a justified accusation of rash judgment?”

For Father Gruner the question of what the new papacy will mean for the Church reduces to one fundamental question: “What is his fundamental intention? The interior motive is what matters, and we are hardly in a position

to judge that after only six days, especially when it comes to a Pope. Unless we are forced to a different conclusion, we have a duty to presume that this Pope is exactly what he appears to be: a pious man with a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin. Time will reveal any serious problems with the Pope’s intentions. Should that happen, we would then have the right and duty to convey our concerns to His Holiness.”

As always, Father Gruner has one overriding aim in mind when it comes to the new pontificate: the Consecration of Russia. “The last Pope left office admitting that we have not yet seen the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary — yet another papal reference to the supposedly ‘private revelation’ that, supposedly, no one need believe in. Well, the former Pope believes in it. We

haven't seen the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart because the Consecration of Russia to Mary that is its precondition has yet to be done."

Towards Our Lady's Triumph


Father Gruner's approach to the crisis in the Church is not an *ad hoc* one, but a global one centered around the Fatima Message: "Those who are concerned about what this Pope will do or fail to do about this or that problem in the Church should stop viewing the crisis in the Church, as a kind of political struggle. They should begin appealing to the Mother of God to see to it that the Pope finally does what She requested at Fatima, so that the Triumph that Pope Benedict sees in the hazy future will become a present reality. We need the peace that Our Lady promised at Fatima. And what is peace? Not just the absence of war, as good as that is, but also interior peace, the tranquility of order, that will set things right in the Church as well as in the world. That is what the Mother of God promised to the Church and to the world if Her requests were granted.

"We should hope and pray that another pontificate will not end with the Pope lamenting that the Triumph of the Immaculate



Christopher Ferrara being interviewed by Fatima TV in St. Peter's Square

Heart has yet to occur, for we are running out of time. The hundredth anniversary of the Fatima apparitions is quickly approaching. We know what happened to the King of France after exactly one hundred years of failing to carry out the Consecration of France to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as Our Lord requested in another so-called 'private apparition' to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1689. King Louis was guillotined and France descended into a revolutionary bloodbath that changed the whole world for the worse."

Father Gruner will seek a personal audience with Pope Francis. He requests that the faithful pray it will be granted to him. 

THE NEW POPE, THE CHURCH AND THE CONSECRATION

On Father Gruner's return from the Conclave in Rome, *The Fatima Crusader* interviewed him with the foremost questions that have been flooding in from people around the globe. They want to hear Father Gruner's reflections on the Conclave, the new Vicar of Christ and where the Church is headed in these apocalyptic times. They came to Father Gruner because they want the truth!

For ease of reading, *The Fatima Crusader* interviewer is shown in red and Father Gruner's responses are shown in black.

Father Gruner, Rome is the center of the Catholic Church; it's supposed to be the center of Christendom. How do you find the present state of Rome in relation to the Faith?

It's hard for me to answer that question because I've been going there so often and I've seen it for so long that I guess I'm no longer shocked at things because I know that's the way they are. The women are not dressed as modestly as they should be, generally speaking, and the churches are empty – if not locked. I'm not talking about the major basilicas. But, to put it briefly, I would say Rome is in a state of decay. The advertising in the streets certainly is not edifying. Not to say that everything is 100% in the dark; there are exceptions where some women are dressed modestly and some advertising is reasonable but on the whole, it doesn't reflect the center

of Christendom.

Some who have been in Rome and then went to Sicily, say that in Sicily you still get the sense that the people are living the Faith. Whereas, in Rome, you just don't have the sense of the Faith at all from the average individual.

I've never been to Sicily but I've also been told that the faithful of southern Italy are more fervent in their Faith than the people of Rome. In France, the churches are more barren, more locked up, but Rome does not display an exemplary impression considering it is the center of the Church. It should be much better but it's not as far gone as France.

Could you tell us why you felt you needed to go to Rome for the Conclave?

Well, I'm 71 years old and I've lived through the pontificates of



Above Left: The balcony from which the new Pope traditionally greets the faithful for the first time. Above Right: Pope Francis's first papal audience.



Above Left: The long-awaited moment for the Pope mobile as Pope Francis threads his way through the hundred thousand faithful awaiting his blessing. Above Right: Before Pope Francis's Inaugural Mass, he paid homage to the Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pius XII, John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul II, and Benedict XVI. That's six pontiffs. I've never been in Rome during a conclave and secondly I'm working on the Message of Fatima, particularly the hidden part of the Third Secret and that part of the published Message which is fought against by powerful people – that is, the proper Consecration of Russia.

I've said in the past that all we need to get our job done is to have one man – a Pope – or, two thirds of the 120 papal electors (that is, 80 of the voting Cardinals) to hear and understand the urgent Message of Fatima – before the Conclave begins to choose a Pope. I figured maybe it's time I should be over there and at least try to help the process along by informing them.

The Cardinals, once the Pope is elected, are very slow to go against the current policies but for a few days they're the boss, so to speak. They can choose the next man, and we can only work and hope and pray that they choose rightly.

I wanted to see that they received as much of our materials as we could reasonably put together in a few days. We gave them Father Kramer's book, *The Mystery of Iniquity*; they received two chapters of *The Consecration of Russia – How Seven Popes Failed*

to Heed Heaven's Command and Brought Turmoil to the Church and the World, written by John Salza and Robert Sungenis. We also gave them a four-page letter signed by a number of priests, which gave a short summary of the general argument from *The Secret Still Hidden* along with an offer of another free copy of that book. *The Secret Still Hidden* had previously been given to them but we wanted to be sure they had it on hand to refer to before the Conclave began.

The next part of the plan was to stimulate them to actually read the packages we had hand-delivered to them. So, with our limited resources, we tried to create a media buzz to draw their attention by broadcasting relevant information on our 24/7 Fatima TV station in Rome before and during the Conclave and sent information releases through the various news media. We produced both English and Italian programs for broadcasting. The English ones were also sent back to North America to be broadcast on our Worldwide Web TV. We did everything we could with the limited resources we had.

As to what effect all our endeavors had? We used every hour of every day and every resource available to us and then left it in the hands of God and His Holy Mother – and we prayed.

What was your reaction to the election of Pope Francis?

When I heard who he was, I recognized his name, although, in the media that I had read and heard in 2013, he had not been mentioned among the possible papal candidates. It was reported some years ago that in the Papal Conclave of 2005, he was a runner-up to Cardinal Ratzinger, i.e. Pope Benedict XVI. So I knew the name from his previous reputation of being in the last papal election. It was reported that he was a good man and I was pleased that at least it wasn't Cardinal Bertone and it wasn't some of the old gang. There could have been other choices that maybe I knew better but I thought, well, it's promising.

I should also mention that my office had informed me within minutes of Pope Francis' election that he had written to us in a very friendly way prior to becoming Pope. And so that argued well for the work we had been doing. In fact, he had written to us twice: once as Auxiliary Bishop and once as Archbishop – before he became Cardinal.

His second letter was actually a formal letter since it was written by his chancellor. And the chancellor said, "I'm writing this letter on the orders of the Archbishop" – which means it's as good as a letter from

the Archbishop himself, because the chancellor's words when he says: "I'm writing under orders from the Archbishop," means that this is exactly what the Archbishop said. It was friendly and without committing himself, he told us about the devotion to Our Lady in his Archdiocese, in Argentina and he wanted us to know about it.

And what did he say about the devotion?

Well, he said that devotion in his diocese and his country was deeply felt and that the First Saturday devotions are practiced. He also noted that he had two parishes named after Our Lady of Fatima. Actually, we will be printing a copy of one of his responses to the Fatima Center's letters to him on pages 9 and 10 of this issue. But the fact that he actually even bothered to write us himself is encouraging. It's a good thing, considering we write to all the bishops and not all of them write us back. We have had more than 2000 bishops write back to us, but that's over some years. There are about 5000 Catholic bishops today throughout the world.

I was encouraged that in the former Archdiocese of our new Pope there exists a sanctuary and two parishes dedicated to Our Lady of Fatima. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary is

especially practised on the first Saturday of every month. So the words and requests of Our Lady of Fatima would not be foreign to him.

The other thing I had in my background was a prophecy from Antonio Ruffini, who has a prophetic gift. He told me in January, 1990 that this Pope – he didn't name him – but he just said **“the successor of the successor of John Paul II would be the one to do the consecration.”** If Ruffini is not mistaken, then it's a good sign. We may finally have a Pope who is going to do the consecration of Russia. Prudently though, we have to wait and see whether or not Ruffini completely understood whatever message he got on that.

You have partially answered the next question which is: What is your hope for Pope Francis in relation to Fatima?

Well, of course, we've been saying and publishing and proving that there is a text of the Third Secret that they've not given to us. Pope Benedict XVI all but said so but was pretty well obstructed from releasing the FULL Secret by Cardinal Bertone.

Even though Cardinal Bertone is still presently the Secretary of State (but he could be replaced soon – there is always hope of that), I pray that the new Pope will

have what it takes to refute him and finally release the missing text. That would be a great catharsis for the Church because, according to Malachi Martin – who had read the Secret – “the churches will be full with people on their knees, beating their breasts, and there would be long lines for Confession.”

That is the anticipated response just for a text, so it's got to be powerful enough to have a major impact on not just the prelates of the Church but the man on the street. And so my hope would be that Pope Francis finally releases the FULL text of the Third Secret so that people will finally get it.

My bigger hope, of course, is that he finally does the Consecration of Russia in the manner Our Lady prescribed – especially considering that he's personally, strongly devoted to the Virgin Mary. On the first day of his pontificate he went on pilgrimage at 7 o'clock in the morning to St. Mary Major Basilica – which even John Paul II, for all his well-known devotion to Mary, didn't do, nor did any other Pope that I know of. So Pope Francis's willingness to openly honor the Virgin Mary is a good sign.

One of the things that is key to understanding what direction a pontificate is going to go in, is the people he places in

authority – as the heads of the Vatican dicasteries. What is your reaction to the fact that he provisionally put back everybody who was there under Benedict XVI?

Well, I'm not put off by it because, in this case, it was clearly made known that the appointments were very provisional. Pope Francis was just taking his time. Business has to go on. Once any Pope dies, those who are in office at the time are automatically resigned – whether it's the Secretary of State or whether the Prefect for Bishops or Prefect for the Clergy or any other, all the Cardinals who are in charge of those dicasteries automatically are resigned whether they want to be or not. It is part of the law of the Church that when the Pope dies, they no longer hold office in that way.

They're still Cardinals; they still can vote, of course, but they don't have the office. There are secretaries who are Archbishops and who continue to have their authority – it's the secretaries who have the authority to run the Church in the matters of day to day. They still need to meet the payroll; they still do certain things that have to be done to keep things going.

But the major decisions are made by the Cardinal; either by himself

or the Cardinal with his secretary, the Archbishop Secretary. No major decisions can be made because they're all out of office, as at the moment of death – or in this case, the resignation of the Pope – is when it became effective.

The reappointment of the Cardinals to their former job is often done by the new Pope; but in Pope Francis' case, he made it clear that all these appointments are temporary.

One hundred years ago, when Pius X was elected Pope, he accepted the papacy on one condition – that Cardinal Merry del Val would become his Secretary

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Photographic reproduction of a letter sent to the Fatima Center from Pope Francis – then Archbishop Bergoglio. See English translation on next page.

ARCHBISHOP BERGOGLIO (POPE FRANCIS) WRITES TO THE FATIMA CENTER

As the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, the present Pope Francis was a gracious and encouraging correspondent with the Fatima Center. Our readers are aware that Father Gruner writes regularly to bishops and priests throughout the world, keeping them in touch with the single-most important concern of the Church and the world today – that Our Lady is still awaiting the Consecration of Russia, without which Russia cannot convert and the world cannot have peace. On more than one occasion, Archbishop Bergoglio replied to Father Gruner with a courteous letter expressing his own appreciation and interest in the work of the Fatima Center.

The following letter of January 2000 draws particular attention to the devotion of the faithful in Buenos Aires to Our Lady of Fatima, and to their frequent application for the special graces that are only acquired through devotion to Her Immaculate Heart – especially through a consecration to Her Immaculate Heart!

This letter was written at the Archbishop's direction by his aid, Msgr. Rissotto, the Chancellor of the Archdiocese. As canonists acknowledge, an official letter from a diocesan Chancellor is the equivalent in force of a letter from the bishop himself.

English Translation

Esteemed Fathers:

By order of S.E.R. Mons. Jorge Mario Bergoglio S.J., Archbishop of Buenos Aires, I am pleased to write you with the purpose of acknowledging receipt of the attentive note which you recently sent him.

Concerning its content, I wish to communicate to you that in this Archdiocese, there exist a Sanctuary and two parishes dedicated to the Most Holy Virgin of Fatima, to Whom the faithful have much devotion. They also profess a filial devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Whom they honor in particular the first Saturdays of the month.

In addition, Consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart is frequent, given that Marian devotion is deeply rooted in Argentina, which honors Her especially as its Patroness, under the title of the Most Holy Virgin of Luján.

I salute you with fraternal affection in Jesus and Mary,
Mons. Fernando R. Rissotto, Chancellor

See photographic reproduction of original letter on page 9.

FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF FATHER GRUNER AND THE TV CREW COVERING THE CONCLAVE IN ROME



Above Left: Discussion of program content prior to filming. Above Right: Editing and dubbing Saint Peter's Square segment filmed earlier in the day.



Above Left: Final Countdown. Above Right: Program is filmed.



Above Left: Father Gruner and Chris Ferrara finish preparation. Above Right: Father Gruner and Chris Ferrara complete another terrific program. It was filmed on March 11, 2013 – that same evening, it was broadcast all over Rome.

APPEAL TO THE CARDINALS ON FATIMA TV BROADCAST BEFORE THE CONCLAVE

Father Gruner, the week before the Conclave, prepared this broadcast to air on Fatima TV channel 217 in Rome, Italy. It is a special message to the Cardinal Electors, outlining the serious obligation they had to be completely informed about Fatima, before selecting a new Pope.

Your Eminences, Cardinal Electors, you have upon your shoulders the most important task. I've been asked to address you by people who have known me for a long time. I've been working at promoting this message of Our Lady of Fatima for 35 years. It's not because I enjoy this work – although God rewards everyone for what they do in His vineyard – but because the situation is so serious. We're reading again facts and preparations for war by the United States, by Russia, by North Korea and also in the Middle East.

There is truly a way to stop all this suffering and all this cost. This way is miraculous and almost unbelievable. I've done my studies in Mariology, here in Rome at the Angelicum. Here, I've learned truths that are axiomatic, like, for example, that against a fact there is no argument, as teaches Saint Thomas.

Now, Fatima is a fact: God worked one of the greatest miracles of all time to bring to our attention the importance of the Message of Fatima and also to demonstrate to us its absolute certitude. Now, the Blessed Virgin Mary was sent on earth by God because Pope Benedict XV, on May 5, 1917 asked Her to come, asked Her to show him and humanity the way to peace. Eight days after he made that special appeal, the Blessed Virgin appeared in Fatima, and over the next six months and the apparitions of 1925 and 1929, explained the fullness of what the Church must do to bring peace to the world.

Unfortunately, those requests have not been answered, not just by the bishops, the Pope or the Cardinals, but also by priests and lay people as well. The Message of Our Lady of Fatima is a message to all of us, but the responsibility for bringing this message to the


attention and obedience of the faithful lies with you.

Seven Popes – good men – have tried to obey: we’ve seen John Paul II, for instance, go to Fatima three times. He consecrated the world a number of times but still he did not fulfill Our Lady’s request. He wanted to mention Russia but he was prevented from doing so by people around him. God knows all their motives and their reasons, but it has to be Russia, it has to be a specific consecration of Russia.

For those who think that this is a criticism of Russia, Our Lord Himself, in the Message of Fatima, said that the whole world – including Russia – needs to be converted; so it is not to pick on Russia, but God has a plan and just as Saint Paul was a “vessel of election,” so Russia will be the vessel of election to bring forth the conversion of the world. But Russia needs to be consecrated first before it can fulfill that task.

I would love to be able to explain this to you. Up to now, for 35 years, I’ve been excluded. I had appointments to see the Pope but I was cut off. There are other priests out there, some of them don’t know as much as I do but some others know it even better than I do; but you need to put this on your agenda, it’s only a 5-minute prayer. All it takes is for the Pope to name the day, to send the text for the consecration to all the bishops of the world, and for the Pope and bishops to recite this prayer at the same time in a solemn and public way.


Please, for the sake of your souls, for the sake of the souls of billions of people, and for the sake of peace in the world and in the Church, please have the consecration done before it’s too late for all of us.

God Bless you. I pray for you and please, bless and pray for me. 

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order of Christian life and it’s too big to miss. It’s all over the news, it’s all over the media, it’s everywhere, It’s a cock-crow, and it’s calling those who have drifted away from the Faith. It’s Our Lord saying “Yes, the Church is still here; the sacraments are

still here; the confessional is still here; the possibility of living the supernatural life of sanctifying grace is still here.” Remember that terminology? “Living the life of sanctifying grace”? It’s all still real, it’s all still true, it’s all still beautiful. For Fatima TV, I’m John Vennari at Saint Peter’s Square. 

WHAT IS A CONCLAVE?

Rome – On March 11, 2013, the eve of the Conclave, the following Fatima TV report by John Vennari, from St. Peter's Square, was broadcast throughout Rome on Fatima TV channel 217.

By John Vennari

We are here in Saint Peter's Square on the eve of the Conclave. A Conclave is rare enough in the Catholic Church so it makes a fascinating and dramatic moment. At the same time a Conclave is regular enough, in the Catholic Church, so as to be part of the regular rhythm of Christian life throughout the centuries.

A conclave is always a great moment of grace in a number of aspects, but I want to focus on just one, and that is the message that the conclave sends to what I call three groups of people on earth: the first group consists of the Catholics who are practicing the faith. The Conclave serves to remind them to be more prayerful, to grow in virtue and especially to offer more prayers for the success of the Conclave, because as we're going to see tomorrow, Saint Alphonsus de Liguori said just because a conclave is called doesn't necessarily mean it will be a success.

The second group consists of those Catholics who have

drifted away from the practice of the Faith, and the Conclave is like a gentle reminder to go back to their true home. The third group are those outside the Faith and the Catholic Church, and to them it is an occasion to consider becoming part of the supernatural kingdom of God on earth.

But I think that a conclave has special significance to that second group, the group of Catholics who have drifted away from the Church. It's kind of like the cock crowing in the Gospel: you remember that, on the night of Our Lord's Passion, when Peter denied Our Lord the cock crowed. It was a reminder from nature to Peter that he had walked away from what he was supposed to be.

Now, Our Lord had established ahead of time that this would happen. But it was nothing miraculous; it was part of the order of nature that cocks crow, and it was too big to miss. The same is true about a conclave: it is part of the regular

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Reaching the Cardinals Before the Conclave

The recent Conclave for a papal election was a rare opportunity for the Fatima Center to reach out to all the Cardinal Electors of the Church with the urgent Message of Our Lady of Fatima. Three letters and offers of relevant books available in Italian and English were hand-delivered to the Cardinal Electors before they entered the Conclave.

The first letter was from Father Gruner and seven other priests – focusing on the necessity to release the whole Third Secret and offering to give each of them another free copy of [*The Secret Still Hidden*](#) by Christopher Ferrara.

A second letter was sent to them from Father Paul Kramer, accompanying a copy of his book [*The Mystery of Iniquity*](#) which spells out, like no other book, how dire the world situation is and how desperately the world needed this Conclave to give us a Pope who would heed Our Lady of Fatima's requests.

The third letter from John Salza and Robert Sungenis, co-authors of *The Consecration of Russia*, was delivered to the Cardinals along with a copy of the Introduction and the Preface to their yet to be published book.

A number of Cardinals have very graciously written to the Fatima Center, thanking us for the books. Let's pray that these recent efforts of the apostolate to alert our Church leaders to the critical need for the Consecration of Russia, as well as for release of the *full* Third Secret, bear fruit in Pope Francis's pontificate – before it is too late!



Reaching the Cardinals Before the Conclave

J.M.J.

“He deceives himself who thinks that the prophetic mission of Fatima is concluded.”

– Pope Benedict XVI: May 13, 2010 Homily at Fatima

Only OBEDIENCE to Our Lady of Fatima will end the present crisis! World peace and the salvation of many souls hang in the balance.

Feast of St. Mathias | February 24, 2013

Your Eminence,

We need a Pope with the moral courage to obey the demands of Heaven for the Church. Everyone in the Church and in the world desperately needs the Cardinals to make the right choice in the coming conclave. The fate of the entire Church – even the entire world – is in your hands!

Jesus Christ promised the guidance of the Holy Spirit to His Church, but as St. Alphonsus – a Doctor of the Church – explains, **the Cardinals must work too**, and apply themselves to making the best choice for the Head of the Church. They **could choose the wrong person**. In a letter of October 24, 1774 to a brother bishop regarding the Conclave of that year, St. Alphonsus wrote:

“Pray to the Lord that He will give us a Shepherd full of His Spirit ... [lest to] our great misfortune, we should get a Pope who does not have the glory of God as his sole purpose [and] the Lord will not help him greatly, and things from their present condition will go from bad to worse.”

In order to choose wisely the right man to serve as our next Pope, it is clear that you will want to be fully informed about the Church’s true needs and about our real situation. **Our Lady of Fatima** warned that unless Her requests were heeded, **“The good will be martyred,**

Getting the Fatima Message into the Media



Above Left: Father Gruner and Chris Ferrara at the Vatican Press Office. Above Right: Some 5600 media professionals came for the Conclave from all over the world. Here, in St. Peter's Square, Father Gruner is being interviewed by a journalist.



Above Left: Father Gruner surrounded by the media in St. Peter's Square. Above Right: Father Gruner being interviewed by the media following the Vatican's announcement of Pope Benedict XVI's resignation.

the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated."

But Our Lady of Fatima's requests have not been heeded. The text of the most important part of the Third Secret, which She demanded be released by 1960, has been concealed by the Cardinal Secretary of State, even to this day.

You have **the right and the duty** to be informed about every significant fact pertaining to the good of the Church in preparation for the coming election, **including the Third Secret of Fatima!** The safety of the entire Church and of the whole world may well depend upon your asking and (if necessary) *demanding* that you be allowed to read the *whole* Third Secret **before the conclave!**

The Third Secret is a **prophetic revelation from Heaven** which will be realized before your eyes in the coming days and months. It addresses the needs of **the Church and the world today**, and is the **most significant truth** of our time!

We know from a living eyewitness that there is another text of the Third Secret. The testimony of Archbishop Loris Capovilla, who served as Pope John XXIII's secretary, was reported in *Il Giornale* on September 22, 2007. The Archbishop affirms:

"Besides the four pages [of the vision of the 'Bishop dressed in White'] **there was also something else**, an attachment, yes."

Pope Benedict himself, on May 11, 2010, has also told us that there is **more to the Third Secret than what is contained in the vision**, and that it warns of **terrifying dangers threatening the Church in the near future**. He said:

"[I]n addition to this great vision of the suffering of the Pope, are also ... **realities of the future** of the Church, **which unfold and reveal themselves day by day**. ...

"[A]ttacks on the Pope and the Church do not come only from the outside, 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."

Antonio Socci, in his work *The Fourth Secret of Fatima*, and Christopher Ferrara, in his book *The Secret Still Hidden*, have demonstrated conclusively from other sources as well what the Holy Father here admits, that **we have yet to see the entirety of the Third Secret.**

Yet Cardinal Bertone claimed on May 31, 2007 that no text in which Our Lady says anything critical of Vatican officials, policies, or plans could possibly be "authentic." He believes that in so speaking, Our Lady would be disloyal to the Church. But it is precisely because of Her love of Christians that She would speak out about the dangers to our salvation.

No Pope has ever officially and magisterially said that the missing text (which contains Our Lady's words explaining the vision of the Bishop dressed in White) is "inauthentic." On the contrary, John Paul II and Benedict XVI have spoken favorably of this hidden text over and over again. And Pope John Paul II himself has already replied to Cardinal Bertone's false claim, when he said:

"Can the Mother, Who with all the force of the love that She fosters in the Holy Spirit and desires everyone's salvation – can She remain silent when She sees the very bases of Her children's salvation undermined?"

He replies to his own question: **"No! She cannot remain silent."** How could She remain silent about our only means of overcoming the dangers facing us – **"dangers to the faith and the life of the Christian,"** as Cardinal Ratzinger publicly acknowledged to be the subject of the Third Secret?

Besides, you yourself surely know that there is no divine guarantee that Church leaders will always be beyond reproach. It is in Sacred Scripture itself that even the Prelates of the Church can be subverted from the true service of Jesus Christ! In Acts 20:28-31, St. Paul warns Church leaders to be on their guard against corruption within their own ranks:

"Take heed to yourselves and to the whole flock in which the Holy Spirit has placed you **as bishops**, to rule the Church of God... I know that after my departure fierce wolves will get in **among you**, and will not spare the flock. And from **among your**

own selves men will rise speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. **Watch therefore...**"

Just as St. Paul warned you to watch lest your fellow bishops mislead you and other souls, so, too, has the Mother of God at Fatima given you a similar warning. **And God Himself has endorsed the Message of Fatima by the stupendous Miracle of the Sun, so that His Ministers would believe and heed Our Lady's requests.**

Our Lady of Fatima wants you to know Her exact words – and you need to know them in order to choose wisely and according to the desire of the Holy Spirit. *Watch therefore*, and ask that you be allowed to hear Our Lady's words. You have a right and even a duty to insist upon seeing them.

Cardinal Bertone has no jurisdiction over the Message of Fatima, and he has no right to impose his groundless opinion about Our Lady's Message upon you or upon any of the faithful.

Please, Your Eminence, before you cast your first ballot, demand access to the FULL text of the Third Secret. It is the truth that you need and to which you are entitled in order to fulfill your obligation under oath to do all in your power to choose the best man for our next Pope!

If Cardinal Bertone refuses to allow you to see the Third Secret before the conclave, then demand it again within the conclave, when he is no longer Secretary of State. Urge other Cardinals as well to make a resolution asking that the Secret be brought in and read to all.

The welfare of the Church and the survival of many Catholics in the world, depends upon the prompt and full obedience of the next Pope to the demands of Our Lady of Fatima, the Queen of Heaven! It is imperative that you be fully informed of Her Message in order to select the proper candidate for this great task.

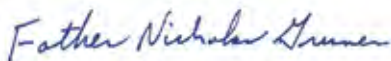
We pray daily at Mass and in our Holy Rosaries for an abundance of extraordinary graces you will need in the coming Conclave to stand up for the truth, and to overcome the obstacles placed before you and your brother Cardinal electors, by Cardinal Bertone (and Cardinal Sodano before him) who have unjustly withheld Our Lady's complete Message.

May Our Lord and His Holy Mother guide you in the critical role you will play in choosing the next Vicar of Jesus Christ for His Church.

Respectfully yours in Jesus and Mary,



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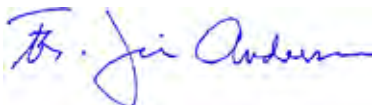
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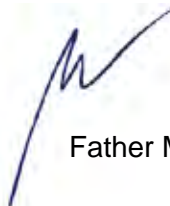
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P.S. ***“The Secret Still Hidden”*** documents events of immense importance to the future of the Church and the papacy. We would like to place this vital information, in its completeness, at the disposal of Your Eminence before this great conclave commences. Please, let us know if you would like to receive ***“The Secret Still Hidden”*** and we will rush you a copy. May the Holy Ghost guide you in the work that lies ahead. May Our Lady of Fatima intercede for you and your fellow cardinals so that you may have the graces needed at this crucial time. Our prayers are with you. To contact us in Rome, call 39 06 3973 5296; or to contact us by cell phone, call 394 216 4251.

Reaching the Cardinals Before the Conclave

J.M.J.

February 28, 2013

Your Eminence,

I am the author of the enclosed book *The Mystery of Iniquity* and I believe that its contents are most important at this very critical juncture in Church history.

St. Paul tells us that there is a mystery of iniquity at work: “For the mystery of iniquity already worketh; only that he who now holdeth, do hold, until he be taken out of the way.” (2 Thess. 2:7)

This book exposes that mystery of iniquity and is the fruit of more than 30 years of research into Freemasonry, secret societies, and their relation to that mystery of iniquity revealed in Scripture, in Catholic prophecy, and in Marian apparitions.

The Pope who is to be elected in the coming days will have to deal directly or indirectly with the mystery of iniquity.

This book will provide a deeper and broader understanding of that mystery.

This book explains the mystery of iniquity in the light of the Message of Fatima and in the geopolitical perspective of the Third Secret of Fatima, and reveals the gravity of Our Lady’s message in the Third Secret and the urgency to act upon it.

With sentiments of profound respect and deep veneration,

I am yours faithfully



Father Paul Kramer



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Reaching the Cardinals Before the Conclave

21 February, A.D. 2013



Your Eminence,

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As you know, in the next few weeks you will be faced with one of the most important decisions you will ever make in your lifetime – the election of the Pope to lead Our Lord’s Catholic Church. In fact, given the current state of the Church and the world, this papal election will be one of the most important in history.

Enclosed you will find the Preface and Introduction of a new book about to be published in the United States and distributed throughout the world concerning the failure of the last seven Popes, including John Paul II and Benedict XVI, to consecrate the nation of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a command that was given by Heaven to the Church 84 years ago in 1929.

It is our conviction that the time for excuses and fabrications is over, for God will no longer tolerate Churchmen who willfully disobey Him and instead make long prayers in the streets like the Pharisees of old. The Catholic Church, of which we, the authors of the new book, are faithful and loyal parishioners, is on the brink of divine judgment for all its sins of the past few decades. Our Lady is weary of holding back the arms of God’s justice against the Church. As 1 Peter 4:17 says, “For it is time for the judgment to begin with the household of God...”

We do have another option available to us, however. The power to appease God and curtail His divine wrath upon the Church is in your hands, especially now that you will be electing the next Pope. We need a Pope who will be completely faithful to the commands of Heaven; someone who fears God more than man; someone who still believes in miracles and the intervention of God rather than political correctness and ecumenical expediency; someone who admits to the Church’s failures for the past several decades instead of covering them up; someone who can envision a whole new era of Our Lady’s promised peace spreading abroad to the

whole world and converting it to the Christian faith.

In order to help you see a more realistic and enlightened perspective of what has really occurred concerning the Popes' negligence toward Fatima for the last several decades, we have written the Preface and Introduction with the express purpose of ripping away the cloak of secrecy and exposing the 'nakedness of the emperor,' so to speak, for it is the only way we are left with, after 84 years of negligence, to shake those to the core who hold the power to reverse the downward spiral of the Church. I'm sure, if you are like us, you do not want to see the Church go through another century like we went through in the Twentieth Century – the worst bloodbath the world has ever known. Trust us when we say to you that all of it was a punishment from God for not obeying what He commanded in 1929, and it will only get worse in the Twenty-first Century unless we obey.

Please, without delay, read these excerpts from our book and prayerfully consider what we say. We are mere humble parishioners of no official standing in the Church, but God often uses such still small voices to speak loud and clear to those He has put in authority. We are that voice to you. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Fatima, may you elect a Pope who will finally consecrate the nation of Russia, explicitly by name, to Her Immaculate Heart, in union with all the world's bishops. As Jesus said, "They will repent and do it, but it will be late..."

We will be praying for you prior to and during the conclave. May God's Spirit rest upon you and give you much wisdom.

Sincerely in Christ,



Robert A. Sungenis, Ph.D.



John F. Salza, J.D., Esq.

Co-authors of "The Consecration of Russia: How Seven Popes Failed to Heed Heaven's Command and Brought Turmoil Upon the Church and the World."

AN OPEN LETTER TO HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

In the following Open Letter to His Holiness, several Fatima Center staff members formally plead with our new Pope to heed Our Lady's request for the Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. The Queen of Heaven's request for this Consecration has been neglected for 84 years, at a terrible cost in lives and human suffering throughout the world. This letter expresses the fervent hope which we all share, that our new Holy Father will truly be "Our Lady's Pope," and obey Her Fatima requests.

J.M.J.

"Make me an instrument of Your Peace...." - St. Francis of Assisi

Dearest Holy Father,

For more than 35 years, Our Lady's Apostolate has worked to spread the Message of Fatima and to promote Marian devotion and peace throughout the world. You have received our letters through the years and you have been kind enough to respond with appreciative and encouraging words.

This means a great deal to us, as we often meet with rebuff and even criticism from those in the hierarchy who prefer to downplay Marian devotion and consign the Message of Fatima to the past. We know you are a friend of Our Lady and that you take the Message of Fatima seriously.

So we are encouraged to write to you as our shepherd on a matter of great urgency for the Church and the world. As you know, Our Lady of Fatima made certain requests and specific predictions of a contingent nature. One of those requests was that the Pope, in unison with the bishops, consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. It is a simple request, one that can be accomplished in a few minutes.

Yet, Our Lady still awaits this consecration. Despite claims to the contrary, no consecration of Russia under the specified conditions has been performed by any Pope, including Blessed John Paul II, who on March 25, 1984, (and at other times) consecrated the world – not Russia – and he did this also without the necessary participation of all the bishops.

Further proof that the consecration has not been done is the fact that after 29 years Russia has not been converted to the Catholic Faith and peace

has not been given to the world – the two blessings Our Lady promised would result from the consecration.

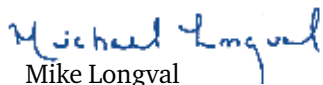
We recall that Our Lady Herself told Sister Lucy of Fatima “Make it known to the Holy Father that I am always awaiting the Consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart. Without the Consecration, Russia will not be able to convert, nor will the world have peace.”

Our Lady also predicted that were the consecration to be delayed too long, then “nations would be annihilated” and the Pope, the Church and the faithful would have much to suffer. With all of this in mind, Holy Father, we implore you as your children, please do as Our Lady has asked: consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart in unison with the bishops of the Catholic Church.

The promised benefits of such a consecration are wonderful indeed, and the certain consequences of delaying it terrible beyond imagination. So much can be gained for doing so little if only we trust in Our Lady and obey Her command.

It is our fervent hope that you, Holy Father, a proven friend of Our Lady, will be the Pope to bring peace to the world and to the Church by performing this long-awaited act of consecration. Our Lady of Fatima said: “Only I can help you.” We need only place our confidence in Our Mother and obey Her specific requests, and Our Lady will fulfill Her promise and bring peace to the whole world.

With filial respect and affection,

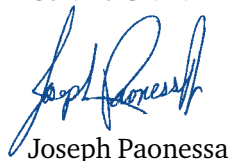

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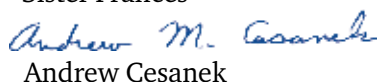

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THE PAPAL COAT OF ARMS & THE POPE'S MOTTO

It is customary for each bishop, including the Pope, to choose for himself a Coat of Arms and an Episcopal Motto when he assumes his new office in the Church. The Papal Coat of Arms typically displays the keys of St. Peter, and was formerly wont to include the Papal Tiara as well.

Below is the shield and motto chosen by Pope Francis for his pontificate, with its symbolism explained in the following article. The shield is reminiscent of the Pope's Jesuit background, and perhaps also of the Emperor Constantine's vision of Our Lord's Cross in the sky, since the "IHS" monogram (the first three letters of the Holy Name in Greek) appear in the sun. Thus they reinforce the commonly-understood second sense of that acronym, "In Hoc Signo Vinces."

The papal motto reminds us of Our Lord's calling of St. Matthew (Mt. 9:9; Mk. 2:14; Lk. 5:27), drawing the phrase "Miserando Atque Eligendo" from St. Bedes' commentary on that event. Applied to himself, its meaning might be translated, "Lowly and yet chosen." The article below is largely drawn from the Vatican Press Office bulletin.

THE SHIELD

In its essential elements, Pope Francis decided to keep his old coat-of-arms, chosen at the time of his episcopal consecration and characterized by a linear simplicity.

The blue shield is surmounted by the symbols of the papal dignity, the same as those desired by his predecessor Benedict XVI (miter placed between crossed keys of gold and silver, bound by a red cord). In the upper part of the blue shield stands the emblem of the order of origin of the Pope, the Society of Jesus: a radiant and

blazing sun containing the letters, in red, IHS, the monogram of Christ. The letter H is surmounted by a cross; at the tip, the three nails in black.

Below, are found the star and the flower of spikenard. The star, according to the ancient heraldic tradition, symbolizes the Virgin Mary, Mother of Christ and of the Church, while the flower of spikenard indicates St. Joseph, patron of the universal Church. In the Spanish iconographic tradition, in fact, St. Joseph is depicted holding a branch of spikenard. By placing these

images in his shield, the Pope wanted to express his particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph.

THE MOTTO

The motto of the Holy Father, Francis, is taken from the homilies of St. Bede the Venerable, priest (Om. 21, CCL 122, 149-151), who, commenting on the Gospel account of the calling of St. Matthew, writes: “*Vidit ergo Iesus publicanum et quia miserando atque eligendo vidit, ait illi: ‘Sequere me’*” (“Jesus saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office, and he said to him: “Follow Me.” Jesus saw Matthew, not merely in the usual sense, but more significantly with His merciful understanding of men. He saw the tax collector and, ***because he saw him through the eyes of mercy and chose him***, he said to him: “Follow Me.”

This homily is a tribute to the Divine Mercy and is reproduced in the *Liturgy of the Hours* for the Feast of St. Matthew. It has a particular meaning in the life and in the spiritual journey of the Pope. In fact, on the Feast of St. Matthew [September 21] in the year 1953, the young Jorge Mario Bergoglio experienced at the age of 17 years, in a very special way, the loving presence of God in his life. Following a confession, he felt



his heart touched and sensed the descent of the mercy of God, who with a look of tender love, called him to the religious life, following the example of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Once he was elected bishop, His Excellency Monsignor Bergoglio, in memory of the event which marked the beginning of his total consecration to God in His Church, decided to choose, as his motto and his program of life, the expression of St. Bede *miserando atque eligendo*, which he decided to reproduce also in his pontifical coat-of-arms.^{FC}

Please pray for the Holy Father to soon Consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI WAS COMMITTED TO THE CONVERSION OF SOULS

Pope Francis tells us that he chose his new name because of his desire to emulate three virtues of St. Francis of Assisi: his love of poverty, his love of peace, and his love of God's creation.

This choice of our Holy Father to bear St. Francis's name has generated a flurry of new interest in the great 13th-Century saint and reformer. But as well-known as St. Francis is, there are also many popular misconceptions about how his simplicity and love of peace found expression in his faith.

St. Francis is a model of charity and peace but he had no tolerance for compromising his witness to the one true Faith. The following article will give the reader an important insight into who St. Francis really was.

By John Vennari

Saint Francis of Assisi was firmly committed to the truth that "outside the Catholic Church, there is no salvation." He was not a proponent of modernist dialogue, but an apostle of Christ who preached the Gospel,

1. for the salvation of those souls who were already Catholic, but had fallen away from the Gospel ideal, and

2. for the salvation of infidels and non-believers, whom he knew would be lost if they did not embrace Christ and His one true Catholic Church.

Knight of the Church Militant

His biographer, Fr. Cuthbert, OSFC, wrote that Saint Francis was "apt to be impatient with meddlers and heretics to the end."¹

In fact, Saint Francis had strong words concerning those who do not accept Catholic truth. He did not speak in vague terms about the "seeds of truth found in all religions." Nor did he announce his famous trip to preach to the Moslems and the Sultan as "an invitation to dialogue between the great monotheistic religions in the service of the human family."

No! He preached the need for conversion of the non-Catholics to the one true Church of Christ for salvation. Nothing less would suffice.

In one of St. Francis's oldest *Admonitiones* ("Admonitions") to the Brothers in his Order, he said the following regarding those who do not accept Catholic truth:

"All, who have seen Jesus in the flesh but have not seen Him according to the Spirit and in His Divinity, and have not believed that He was really the Son of God, are doomed. Also those are doomed who see the Sacrament of the Body of Christ, which is consecrated with the words of the Lord on the altar and by the hand of the priest in the form of bread and wine, but do not see in it the Spirit and Divinity and have not believed that it really is Our Lord Jesus Christ's most holy Body and Blood."²

Thus, those who try to portray Saint Francis of Assisi as an apostle of Vatican II's new brand of dialogue and ecumenism are not telling the truth. Those who practice post-Conciliar ecumenism and claim they imitate Saint Francis are either ignorant of St. Francis's life or are simply not being honest.

This is especially true since today's ecumenism does not seek

the conversion of non-Catholics to the one true religion, but only seeks to work together with all religions in a "reconciled diversity" for the "betterment of the human family."³

There is no sharper contrast to this new, effeminate ecumenism than Saint Francis's encounter with the Sultan, and his Friars' missionary zeal among the Muslims.

Saint Francis vs. Islam

Around 1219, after a General Chapter of the Order, Saint Francis decided to undertake a mission to the Muhammadans in Egypt, where also there was a Crusade being fought.

During this time, Francis stayed with the Christian army, and then crossed over to the Moslem lines. Once outside the Christian lines, Moslem soldiers seized him. Francis told the soldiers that he wanted to preach Christ to the Sultan, who allowed him into the camp.

When brought to the Sultan, Francis said, "I am sent by the Most High God, to show you and your people the way of salvation by announcing to you the truths of the Gospel."⁴

When Saint Francis preached, the Sultan felt himself very much drawn to Francis and to the power of his words. – so much so, that he

invited Francis to stay with him.

“Willingly,” Francis replied, “if you and your people will be converted to Christ”.⁵

Francis then proposed his famous challenge. He said: “If you yet waver between Christ and Mohammed, order a fire kindled and I will go into it with your priests that you may see which is the true Faith.”⁶

The Sultan was not willing to permit this trial by fire, so Francis requested permission to leave. The Sultan gave orders that Francis be conducted back to his camp with courtesy.

Important point: when the Muslim refused to convert, Saint Francis *ended the dialogue!* There was nothing more to discuss.

While this was going on in Egypt, there were five firebrand Franciscan Friars kicking up so much dust in Muslim Morocco that all five of them would be put to death. Their names were Brothers Berardo, Ortho, Pietro, Accurso and Aduto.

First they went to Spain, to Moslem Seville. Because they tried to preach the Gospel there, they were scourged, imprisoned and expelled from that kingdom.

Then they went over to Muslim Morocco in an attempt to convert the infidels. When they arrived, these Friars did more than just

preach in the streets. They marched right into a mosque and denounced Mohammed from inside the mosque.⁷

The Friars were seized, imprisoned and scourged, but that did not temper their zeal. While in prison, they tried repeatedly to convert the jailers.

The rulers of Morocco tried to find a diplomatic way out of this, so they arranged for these imperious Friars to be sent out of the country.

Faithful Witnesses

How did the five Franciscans respond? Father Cuthbert relates: “But the five Friars knew nothing of diplomacy and had not the temper to live and let live. Mohammed was, in their eyes, the enemy of Christ, and the souls of this people were rightful spoils for their Divine Redeemer. To go back upon their mission would be a traitorous backsliding from their fealty to their Savior.”⁸

At the first opportunity, the Franciscans gave their jailkeepers the slip. Immediately, they returned to the city, and were again in front of the mosque appealing to the infidels to renounce Mohammed and accept Christ.

They were seized, cast into jail and tortured. While they were on the rack, the jailers promised the Friars that their lives would be

spared and they would be given gifts, if they would deny Christ and accept Mohammed.

The Friars responded by uttering the praises of Our Lord, and urged the torturers to renounce Mohammed and accept Jesus Christ.

The Muhammadans answered by beheading each Friar, and casting their bodies outside the walls to be the food of dogs. A Portuguese dignitary arranged a stealth operation to have their bodies rescued. They were taken to Portugal, and with great reverence they were laid in the Church of the Canons Regular (Augustinian) in Coimbra.

Among all the people who flocked to pray to and honor the martyred Franciscans, there was a young Augustinian Canon who was enraptured by the zeal and love of Christ that burned in these Friars. He sought out the local Franciscans and begged to be admitted to the Order.

That young Augustinian, who became A Franciscan, is now known to us as Saint Anthony of Padua, the Miracle Worker, whom Catholics honor with the title, "Hammer of Heretics."

As for Saint Francis: What did he think of these five Friars who marched into a mosque and

denounced Mohammed from within the Muslims' own holy place? Who urged Moslems for their own salvation not to follow the false prophet, Mohammed?

Did Saint Francis organize a grand apology for the insensitivity of his friars for not understanding that the "Moslems, together with us, worship the same God"?

No! Francis cried out in a transport of gratitude to Heaven, "Now I can truly say I have five brothers."

This is the true spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Notes: (1) Cuthbert, *Life of Saint Francis of Assisi* (New York: Longmans, Green and Co., 1916), p. 12. **(2)** *Admonitio prima de Corpore Christi* (Quaracchi edition, p. 4), quoted in Johannes Jorgensen, *St. Francis of Assisi* (New York: Longmans, Green and Co., 1912), p. 55. **(3)** The new position is explained clearly by Walter Cardinal Kasper, one of the most radical of today's ecumenists. In 2001, Kasper said, "... today we no longer understand ecumenism in the sense of a return, by which the others would 'be converted' and return to being 'Catholics'. This was expressly abandoned at Vatican II." In 2003, Cardinal Kasper went on to proclaim, "Several aspects of being church are better realized in other churches. Therefore, ecumenism is no one-way street, but a reciprocal learning process, or, as stated in *Ut Unum Sint*, an exchange of gifts. The way to unity is therefore not the return of others into the fold of the Catholic Church." This openly defies the Catholic doctrine, defined infallibly three times, that outside the Catholic Church there is no salvation. **(4)** *Lives of Saints*, "Saint Francis of Assisi" (John J. Crawley & Co., 1954). **(5)** Cuthbert, *Life*, p. 280. **(6)** *Lives of Saints*, John J. Crawley & Co. **(7)** Cuthbert, *Life*, p. 283. **(8)** *Ibid.*, p. 284. **(9)** *Ibid.*, p. 285.

WHAT DOES “HOLY” MEAN?

The following TV news report by John Vennari from St. Peter’s Square, was broadcast throughout Rome on Fatima TV channel 217 on March 14, 2013.

By John Vennari

We are here at the Vatican on the second day of the reign of the new Pope, Pope Francis! We call the Pope “Holy Father” and I think it would be beneficial for us at this time to step back and take a look at the word “Holy” within the context of the title, “Holy Father,” because it’s a word that is very much misunderstood.

In fact, if you went up to members of 10 different denominations – and I would even say, at this point in time in the Church that even if you went up to 10 different Catholic priests – and you asked each of them for a definition of holiness, each of them will probably give you a different answer compared to the other, and chances are none of them would be right!

But thankfully we have the writings of one of the greatest mystical writers of the spiritual life in the 20th Century: Blessed Abbot Marmion, a great Benedictine abbot, who, based on the teaching of Saint Thomas Aquinas, wrote about this

very thing.

Holiness consists of a double element: it has a negative [absent] element and a positive [present] element.

First, we have to start with the holiness of God, and in God holiness is the infinite distance from all that is sin, from all that is imperfect, from all that is impure. He is infinitely free from every spot or stain or shadow of imperfection.

That’s the negative aspect, but the positive aspect is that God adheres by an always-present act of His will to the infinite goodness which is Himself in order to conform Himself entirely to all that infinite goodness is.

Now once we know what that model of holiness is, we see that this model is what we see in Our Lord Jesus Christ. He was infinitely free from every spot or stain or shadow of corruption, and He always adhered by an ever-present act of His will to the infinite good which was Himself.

The same model of holiness we see for Our Blessed Mother. She was without stain of sin, She was born without Original Sin, She was free from every spot, stain or shadow of corruption and She always adhered by an act of Her will to the infinite good which is God, in order to conform Herself to His infinite goodness.

So now we have a better idea of what we see with “Holy Father”, that the Holy Father himself must teach a doctrine that is free from every spot, stain or shadow of corruption, be free from all error, confusion and ambiguity, and he must also teach a doctrine that adheres to the infinite good which is God Himself, to the true and genuine Catholic doctrine taught throughout the centuries. So this is what holiness is, this is the Holy Father’s duty, and as Our Lady of Fatima says – and the Message of Fatima says – we must pray a great deal for the Holy Father, pray a great deal for Pope Francis.

For Fatima TV, I’m John Vennari. **FC**



St. Francis of Assisi was well-known for his humility and holiness as well as for having a deep appreciation for peace. Pope Francis chose his name because of the three virtues of St. Francis: his love of poverty, his love of peace, and his love of God’s creation. Read “Saint Francis of Assisi Was Committed to the Conversion of Souls” on page 30 of this issue.

WHY DID BENEDICT XVI RESIGN?

The following is an English transcript of a Fatima TV interview done on March 6, 2013, (a week before Pope Francis was elected) with Father Paul Kramer which was broadcast across Rome in Italian. Father Kramer has degrees in Theology, Philosophy and a Master of Divinity. He has authored many books, the most recent being *The Mystery of Iniquity*.

For ease of reading, the questions of the Fatima TV interviewer, Peter Dychtiar, are in red and Father Kramer's responses are in black.

In your opinion, what is behind the recent resignation of Pope Benedict XVI?

Well, the Pope stated quite clearly that he is weakening, that his health is deteriorating and he is no longer able to govern the Church. That is the principal reason, and from reports coming from other sources his health is really deteriorating – so he thinks that for the good of the Church he had to step down.

Do you think there were other influences which affected this decision?

I would think so, because already four years ago he had in his mind to resign. I heard reports that he was not really pleased about having to be so much involved in administration and government. It was difficult. There are factions in the Church and having to deal with opposition is something that at his age he was finding difficult. So he visited

the tomb of Pope Celestine V on April 10, 2009 and he removed the pallium, the sign of his power as Bishop of Rome. He removed it from his shoulders and placed it on the tomb of Saint Celestine and left it there. The significance of this gesture is that Pope Celestine was a Pope who resigned of his own volition, not being in any way coerced or pressured by others.

What kind of factions might be involved in making a decision like this? Obviously it's been ongoing for a long time.

I have heard about it for a long time from people who are in high positions in the Vatican. There was Monsignor Zanoni and Monsignor Mario Marini, who was the late secretary of the Ecclesia Dei Commission.

They spoke of ecclesiastical Freemasonry, the Masonic party in the Holy See opposing those who are faithful to the Magisterium

and the traditional teaching and discipline of the Church. They were up against reformists, who were generally known to be the progressive wing; but also of the so-called “conservatives”, including some that were in positions of power.

That would be primarily the force that the Pope would have been at issue with, struggling with, in order to govern the Church according to his conscience and the teaching of Christ – where you have this group who are promoting their own Masonic agenda in the Church. That is the point of conflict.

A lot of people don't understand what Freemasonry is. Is it a business club; a gentlemen's club?

It has that appearance. They like to present themselves that way, but below that surface there is an agenda that they have announced for centuries. Since the 1700's they have made it very clear that they are working to establish in the world, a global one-world government, a one-world republic and a one-world religion that gets all religions, Christian and non-Christian, and blends them all together under one organizational umbrella.

How can I recognize a Mason? Do they wear any specific insignia? Are they all over the

world?

Yes, they are all over the world. Sometimes they wear a Masonic badge or have an *insignia* on their car; but at other times, if they don't want you to know, you have no way of knowing it. They exchange their private handshake, by which a Mason identifies himself to a brother Mason.

It's just like the early Christians who used cryptic symbolism – like the fish in the sand – signifying with a secret signal that they were Christians. Masons have their own secret signals to communicate with each other that they are Masons. They have their own distress signal. If a Mason is in court and wants some extra help from the judge which perhaps is not entirely within the letter of the law, he'll give a Masonic distress signal and, more often than not, he will be let off.

The head of the Church is Christ Himself. If we look at the Masonic order – who leads them? Whom do they follow?

This is the thing about Freemasonry. They have unknown patriarchs; they have Supreme Councils, but the members' names are not published to Masons beneath them. From the highest degrees, orders are given to Masons of the lower degrees

– which they must obey. After you reach a certain degree in Masonry, you must obey under penalty of death. So you have no way to appeal. You simply must carry out your orders; do what you're told; or else you pay the penalty. You must also maintain the Masonic secrets. The secrets of the Order are internal and there is a death penalty for those who reveal them.

It's called, in reality, a Masonic Temple, right? They go to a Masonic temple?

That's right, because Freemasonry is a religion. Even though they don't like to say that, they are a religion. In the document of the Excommunication of the Grand Lodge of Uruguay, if I'm not mistaken, it is stated in the decree from the Mother Lodge of England that Masonry is a religion. Now the religion of Freemasonry is the religion of the so-called ancient mysteries – which is the systematic pagan mystery religion of the ancient times – that has been woven together into this modern organization that we call Freemasonry.

Shriners are Masons, right? So we're talking about Masons that are clowns; they go to parades; we see them at all levels. At what level of Masonry would they be?

They are a high degree. For example, they either have to have completed the 6th degree of the York rite or the 33rd degree of the Scottish rite to be a Shriner. That is not to say that this is the highest degree of Masonry – there are much higher degrees than that, but that is what is generally known to the public. That's as high as you will get for ordinary Masons. At that level they qualify to be Shriners, but even though they may clown around in public, their religion is not clownery at all. Saint Paul says, as the saints tell us: the gods of the pagans are devils. And the gods of the Freemasons are devils.

Why does this group want to destroy the Church? What is their motive?

Their motive is that they serve the devil, and they have openly said this. In my book, *The Mystery of Iniquity*, you'll find the quotation where they proclaim that they will march under the standard of satan. So, they willingly do the work of the devil. Not all of them. As one Grand Master points out, 90% of Freemasons do not know what Masonry is really about. That Grand Master was quoted by Father Adler in his book *The Antichristian Revolution of Freemasonry*.

But the other 10% of Masons know exactly what it is all about – gaining positions of power in the Church in order to subvert and destroy the Church; gaining positions of power in the governments of the nations in order to subvert them; destroying the sovereign states and creating a one-world republic, a one-world government and a one-world Masonic religion that diverts the worship and devotion away from God and enthrones satan.

How did they infiltrate the Church? They must be within the Vatican walls.

They cultivated relationships with young prelates, young priests – when they are hired to work in the Vatican. Even before that, when they see young men destined for a high place in the Church, they begin to cultivate relations with these men. They introduce them to people who are the movers and shakers; they take them to diplomatic parties and gatherings; they give them money so they can have an ample bank account; and they promote their career among others in the Church hierarchy with whom they have influence. In this manner, they are able to promote the careers of these men.

At some point, they will be invited to join Freemasonry

where they can rise to the top and move to very high positions. Or else, at that point – if the man declines and doesn't want to become a Mason – then, no more money and no more connections with powerful people. They would simply be reverted back to what they were when they first let these people enter their life. And their career is not going to move forward without an act of God!

So this has been a long, conscious movement, but how is it that a young man who has entered a seminary to become a priest, is not aware of the insidiousness of Masonry?

These are secret societies and they don't advertise their agenda that much. The devil likes to be secretive and so do his followers. In the 1820s, the Masonic association called the *Alta Vendita* reported to their leader that their propaganda in the clergy was fantastically successful in planting the Masonic ideas into the minds of the young clergy. Their agenda was: "Let them think that they are marching under the standard of the Keys of Peter; whereas, in fact, they will be marching under our standard."

In 1917, Saint Maximilian Kolbe saw in a parade in Rome, celebrating the 2nd centenary of Freemasonry, a plaque saying:

“Satan will rule from the Vatican, the Pope will be his slave.” This brings us back to the struggle that the Pope has against Freemasonry, which attempts to dominate and coerce the Pope and tries to enslave him into making their policies the official policies of the Church.

Obviously, the infiltration was at a high level. Do you think they had any involvement in the killing of Pope John Paul I in 1978?

Men of rather high rank have discussed precisely this point. As I mentioned before, Msgr. Mario Marini was a close friend of Cardinal Edouard Gagnon. Cardinal Gagnon, Monsignor Marini and I were all common friends; we all knew each other – and I heard of a conversation that took place three days before the death of John Paul I. Cardinal Gagnon (still an Archbishop at the time) said to Msgr. Marini: “They are going to kill this Pope! He is trying to make too many changes and he is trying to make them too quickly.” Three days later, Marini called Archbishop Gagnon and he said: “Your Excellency, do you remember what you told me three days ago?” He replied, “I remember very well, and they did it!”

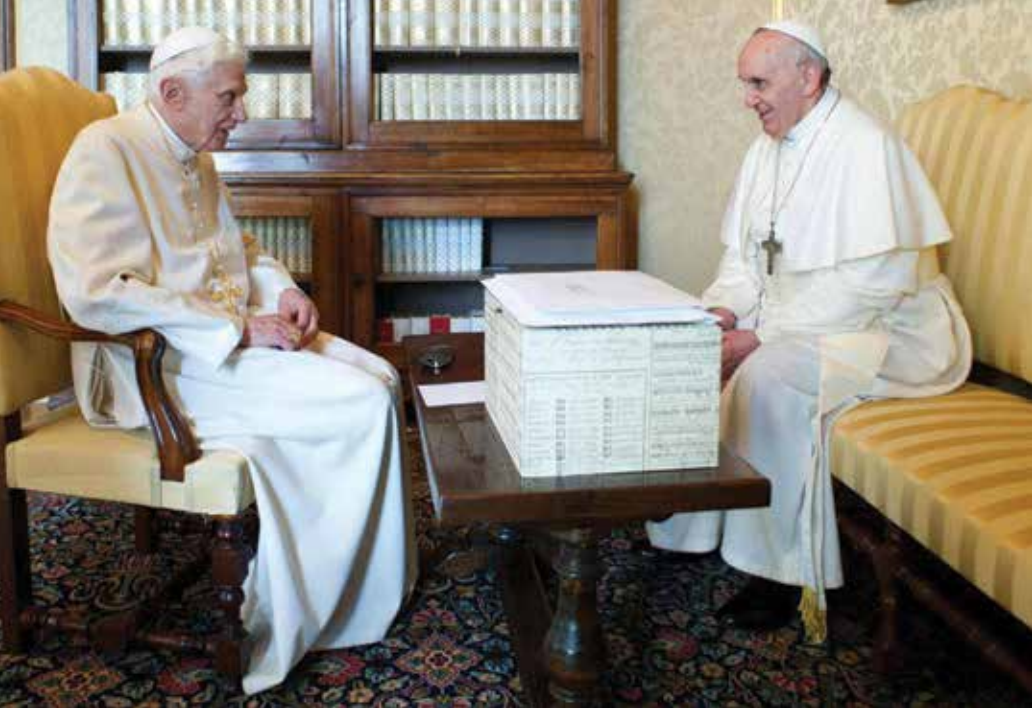
Now I’ve done a great deal of

research myself, not only from books and articles, but also from sources inside the Vatican who confirmed what I’ve read from published sources. The picture that emerges is very clear in my mind. I had already found out that John Paul I intended to remove Bishop Paul Marcinkus as the president of the Vatican Bank. The Vatican Bank, at that time, was very much involved and connected with the Banco Ambrosiano of Roberto Calvi, and they would lose the support and the access to funds that they were getting from the Vatican, if Marcinkus was removed.

Because Marcinkus moved very much within the Masonic circle, he was a suspected Freemason, and there was evidence that he was, in fact, a Freemason. He was close to Calvi and Calvi was a member of the P2 Italian Masonic Lodge. Calvi was a protégé of Michele Sindona, who caused the first banking scandal in the Vatican with the collapse of the French National Bank in Long Island. They were both under Licio Gelli’s P2 Masonic lodge.

They were in a state of panic when Pope John Paul I made it known that Bishop Paul Marcinkus would be removed. On the evening of the night John

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ARE WE CLOSE TO A PAPAL FUNERAL?

Our Lord told Sister Lucy: “Pray a great deal for the Holy Father... the Holy Father will have much to suffer.” We must redouble our prayers and sacrifices for Pope Emeritus Benedict as well as for Pope Francis during these apocalyptic times.

Pope Emeritus Benedict looks very frail. It has been reported widely that he has lost much weight and looks dangerously thin, as you can see by the photo above when he was visited by Pope Francis.

His personal tailor, Mancinelli, expressed grave concern for his longtime friend’s health. All of Benedict’s cassocks have had to

be taken in because he keeps losing weight. Upon seeing the above photograph, Mancinelli almost cried as he pointed out the physiological changes in Pope Benedict Emeritus’ body.

We must pray for him that Our Lady will console him through the burdens and sufferings he is undoubtedly going through. **FC**

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Paul I died, he had a heated discussion with Cardinal Jean Villot, the Secretary of State, and he mentioned that Villot was going to be removed as Secretary of State! Villot's family, for generations, have been Masons, and there is plenty of evidence to suggest that the Cardinal himself was a Freemason. Villot was going to be removed; others suspected of Freemasonic ties were going to be removed; but the clincher was that Bishop Paul Marcinkus was going to be removed. At that point they were in a state of panic and they had to act quickly.

So he was a key player, obviously?

Yes. But he also made it known that John Paul I wanted to consecrate Russia! I've seen the documentation that John Paul I did, in fact, make statements to the effect that he was intending to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as Our Lady of Fatima has requested. John Paul I died quite suddenly – they put out rumors about him having a heart condition, but he had quite good health so there is no truth to those rumors at all.

So then, the P2 lodge must still exist today?

Yes. There's the connection with the death of Roberto Calvi. Calvi

got into difficulty when there was a disappearance of – I don't remember the exact figure – 1.4 billion dollars or even more than that! That money disappeared from the Banco Ambrosiano and Calvi was under indictment. He did not want to fall alone. If he was going to be the one that took the fall, he was going to take others down with him. So he threatened Licio Gelli, the Venerable Master of the P2 – we're talking about a person who was convicted for financing terrorist operations, and was suspected of involvement in the death of the former Prime Minister, Aldo Moro. There was a connection there. Henry Kissinger threatened Aldo Moro, but he refused – as Prime Minister – to engage the government in the policy of population reduction and deindustrialization. Kissinger said to him: "You will pay dearly for this." Now Kissinger was a friend and associate of Licio Gelli. In fact, Gelli, himself, mentioned in a 1982 interview that when his daughter was married, at the wedding reception at his mansion, in Arezzo, one of the guests was Henry Kissinger.

It was the Red Brigades who actually carried out the assassination of Aldo Moro but evidence has emerged in the intervening decades that Gelli had a great influence over

the Red Brigades. Here we see the clear connection between Kissinger, Licio Gelli of P2 and Roberto Calvi.

Now, the connection with John Paul I is this: Roberto Calvi was in a desperate situation. He needed money. He needed 1.4 billion dollars, and he needed it fast to get out of hot water and to be able to make this indictment go away. Gelli told him that the Vatican had a slush fund from which they could get the money to him – but in order to obtain it, he had to go to London to fulfill certain formalities.

Of course, these formalities, in fact, turned out to be the plans for his almost ritual execution! He was found hanging from the Blackfriars Bridge in London. The reason he was killed is this: Gelli was a master blackmailer. In desperate times, people resort to desperate measures and Calvi was blackmailing the master blackmailer. The threat was: “If you don’t come up with this money I’ll blow the whistle on the P2 involvement in the killing of John Paul I.” By making this threat to the Venerable Master of the P2 lodge, Licio Gelli, friend of Henry Kissinger and also an acquaintance of David Rockefeller – Calvi got out of his debt, but he paid for it with his life.

Obviously, the control by the Masons in the Vatican is pretty extreme. Are they in control of the Cardinal Electors and the election itself?

Again, it depends. Pope Benedict has made a number of Cardinals I’m very pleased with. By and large the Cardinals of Pope Benedict are a cut above those who were named by John Paul II. The Conclave that elected Joseph Ratzinger needed to be improved – with the help of God’s help and Grace – before the 2013 Conclave.

But in the government of the Church, I can only tell you this much – I’ll give you a quotation to show just how pervasive is their power in the Vatican. In 2008 Monsignor Marini said to me: “Our hands are tied!”, and he made this gesture (crossing his arms at the wrists as if they were tied together by a rope); “Our hands are tied! We can do nothing because Freemasons control key positions in the Vatican.” This was in October 2008, but two months before dying – he died in May 2009 – Marini told me again:

“We are under Masonic occupation.”

For more in-depth information on this subject, read Father Paul Kramer’s book *The Mystery of Iniquity*.

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RUSSIA GEARS UP FOR NUCLEAR WAR

The following article first appeared as a *Fatima Perspectives* report, March 6, 2013, on the Fatima Center's website www.fatima.org. That Russian forces have recently conducted “the largest exercise of its kind in 20 years” for the deployment of nuclear weaponry over western Europe should be a wake-up call for all of us. Will the Consecration of Russia be delayed until it is too late to prevent the “annihilation of various nations”, as Our Lady of Fatima predicted would happen if the Pope did not obey in time?

by Christopher A. Ferrara

On the heels of Pope Benedict's abdication, we have a report by Bill Gertz of *Washington Free Beacon* that “Russian nuclear forces conducted a major exercise last month [February 2013] that tested the transport of both strategic and tactical nuclear weapons near Europe, according to United States officials.”

Note well: near Europe. Including Italy, where it would appear (from that portion of the Third Secret published in 2000) that a future Pope escapes a devastated city filled with the dead only to be killed himself in what could well be a post-nuclear war scenario.

Gertz's report notes: “The exercise raised concerns inside the Pentagon and with the U.S. European Command because it was the largest exercise of its kind in

20 years and involved heightened alert status of Russian nuclear forces.”

Well, this must be embarrassing news for such neo-Catholic luminaries as Father Andrew Apostoli and Michael La Corte over at the former Blue Army, which laid down its arms in the mid-1980s and is now the Vatican-approved “World Apostolate of Fatima,” whose mission is to reduce the Fatima Message to prayer and penance — and let's have no more talk about the Consecration of Russia or that pestiferous Third Secret.

But how could Russia have been consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary if, as Gertz reports, “The exercises followed a recent surge in Russian strategic bomber flights that include a recent circling of the U.S. Pacific island of Guam


by two Tu-95 Bear bombers and simulated bombing runs by Tu-95s against Alaska and California in June and July.” Mock attacks on the United States by Russian nuclear bombers hardly bespeak the conversion of Russia.

The Pope has abdicated and is now, to all appearances, a “Bishop dressed in White,” concerning whom one might “have the impression that he was the Pope,” as Sister Lucy’s record of the vision pertaining to the Third Secret relates. Russia has just suffered a meteor strike, lightning struck the dome of Saint Peter’s Basilica within hours of the Pope’s resignation, an earthquake shook Castel Gandolfo days after the “retired” Pope arrived there, and Russia continues massive practice runs for nuclear war.

But don’t worry: the World Apostolate of Fatima has covered its bases in case the world explodes. As I note in my book *False Friends of Fatima*, Mr. La Corte, clearly sensing that the “conversion of Russia” isn’t going so well, recently opined that if the world does plunge into an apocalypse it will be because “We’re not doing our part, so we’re slipping back again, and we can fall right into that problem we had in the past, and *nations are again on the precipice of perhaps being annihilated* if we don’t wake up.”

Yes, we’ve already had the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart. Perhaps you missed it. And now, according to the “World Apostolate of Fatima,” we are facing once again the prospect of being annihilated. And it will all be our fault, not the fault of the Pope and the bishops for refusing to consecrate the nation of Russia as the Virgin requested so many years ago. So, *even if Russia initiated a nuclear war*, the Fatima revisionists (if any of them survive) would still refuse to admit that Russia was never consecrated to Mary. Any explanation but the obvious one!

Now, that kind of stubbornness we can only view as the result of diabolical confusion — like the mysterious failure of Pope after Pope to heed the simplest of commands regarding the consecration of what Lucy rightly called “that poor nation.” Let us pray that the soon-to-be-elected Pope finally brings this devilish farce to an end.

I will be reporting on the papal conclave daily from Rome. You can read and see the reports at fatima.org. May God protect His Holy Church. 

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Deirdre Manifold, author of *The Fatima Conspiracy* who passed away on the Feast of the Annunciation, 2013 in her 99th year.

BOOK REVIEW

FATIMA PRIEST PART IV — A NEW DAY FOR FATIMA

The following review introduces a recently published supplement to the 2013 edition of *Fatima Priest* – bringing you up to date with Father Nicholas Gruner’s struggle against the enemies of Our Lady of Fatima. So much has happened – so many breakthroughs and victories on the path to the coming Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Professor Lavin outlines how important this battle and its chronical is to us all.

By Paul Lavin, Ph.D.

A new edition of *Fatima Priest* containing *Part IV — A New Day for Fatima*, authored by Christopher Ferrara, will soon be published and released by Good Counsel Publications. This new edition will present the updated biography of Father Nicholas Gruner, the founder of the Fatima Center. This welcomed supplement is the crown jewel, affirming that the life and work of this legendary priest has made a most significant impact in unlocking the Third Secret of Fatima, which Our Blessed Mother requested be released in 1960.

While the enemies of Fatima have done their utmost to ignore, distort, and falsify the Third Secret, Father Gruner has labored unceasingly for the full disclosure of Our Blessed

Mother’s Message and the proper fulfillment of Her request to consecrate Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. The failure to do so, as She has warned, will have dire consequences.

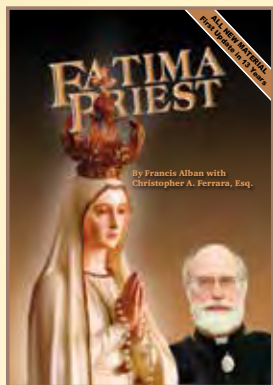
Father Gruner’s war with those Modernists who have relentlessly attempted to silence him is the age-old story of David versus Goliath. Father began his apostolate with few resources and the publication of his *Fatima Crusader* magazine, which began its circulation in 1978. With pluck and determination, Father mobilized an army of supporters and the necessary material and spiritual weaponry needed to do battle with those enemies of Fatima who were “hell bent” on muting Our Lady’s Message and requests. These enemies of Fatima, although they were in powerful positions,

underestimated Father Nicholas Gruner. What they failed to recognize is that this simple priest grew up during the years of the Church Militant. This was a time when the Catholic Church was led by prelates who believed that the best defense was a good offense. The Fathers of the Church did not fearfully slink away when adversity arose. Rather, they mobilized their resources and confronted the enemy. This is the stuff of which Father Gruner is made.

For thirty-five years, Father Gruner has dedicated his life to building the Fatima Center and conveying Our Lady's Message to all who have eyes to see and

ears to hear. The Center has launched a media campaign in which they have virtually "carpet bombed" the enemies of Fatima and the general public with a blitzkrieg of prayers and rosaries, books, newspaper ads, magazine articles, TV and radio broadcasts, billboards, and conferences that even "the wolves in sheep's clothing" have been unable to ignore. The Modernists' failure to fully publish the Third Secret and to honor Our Blessed Mother's request to consecrate Russia have been blatantly exposed, largely as a result of Father Gruner's thirty-five years of hard work, courage, and persistence. Despite threats and intimidation, Father

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will not go away. His influence is now stronger than ever.

Cardinal Ratzinger Then and Now

The progression of the Fatima Center's influence over the past decade can be shown by comparing quotes made by Pope Benedict XVI when he was Cardinal Ratzinger and later on after he was elected to the Papal Office. With regard to the former, the Modernists, led by Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican Secretary of State, insisted that the vision of the "Bishop dressed in White" which was released to the public in the year 2000 and Sodano's specious interpretation of it, revealed the *full* Secret. Sodano and his ilk contended that this vision only pertained to events that had passed and that it portended nothing for the future. This was the end of the story. The Third Secret was now a figment of times gone by and should be treated accordingly. Needless to say, Father Gruner and his army believed otherwise. Of importance, however, is how Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the soon-to-be Pope, viewed Sodano's interpretation. In the year 2000, the then Cardinal Ratzinger was quoted as follows

(p. 7):

"A careful reading of the text of the so-called Third 'Secret' of Fatima, published here in its entirety long after the fact and by decision of the Holy Father, will probably prove disappointing or surprising after all the speculation it has stirred. No great mystery is revealed, nor is the future unveiled. We see the Church of the martyrs of the century which has just passed represented in a scene described in a language which is symbolic and not easy to decipher..."

We must affirm with Cardinal Sodano that the events to which the Third Part of the 'Secret' of Fatima refers now seem part of the past. Insofar as individual events are described, they belong to the past."

Note that the then Cardinal Ratzinger affirmed Cardinal Sodano's false interpretation. Both men were "dyed in the wool" Modernists who were involved in what is referred to as "Operation Neutralize Fatima."

Fast forward the then Cardinal Ratzinger's view of the Third Secret in contrast with his perception of this most important event a decade later when he was now Pope Benedict

XVI. While on a journey to visit the Fatima Shrine at the Cova da Iria in Portugal, the now Pope Benedict XVI debunked the false notion that the Third Secret was merely a visual depiction of past events and had no relevance for the future. In speaking to the reporters who were accompanying him, he stated the following (p. 41):

“Beyond this great vision [the Vision of a Bishop dressed in White] of the suffering of the Pope, which we can in substance refer to John Paul II, are indicated **future realities of the Church which are little by little developing and revealing themselves.** Thus, it is true that beyond the moment indicated in the vision, it is spoken, it is seen, the necessity of **a Passion of the Church that naturally is reflected in the person of the Pope; but the Pope is in the Church, and therefore the sufferings of the Church are what is announced...**

As for the novelty that we can discover today in this message, it is that **attacks on the Pope and the Church do not come from outside, but the sufferings of the Church come precisely from within the Church,** from sins that exist in the Church. This has

always been known, but today we see it **in a really terrifying way:** that the greatest persecution of the Church **does not come from enemies outside, but arises from sin in the Church.”**

The dropping of this bomb was a real blockbuster. Not only did it destroy the false notion that the Third Secret was a relic of the past, but it pointed to the fact that it was the enemies in the Church, the Church's own members, who were destroying her from within. Pope Benedict XVI affirmed that the Third Secret was still alive and well and that it continued to reveal current and future terrifying realities, which if not corrected, would lead to an even greater internal crisis of faith within the Church and to a chastisement of the whole world.

What a difference in perception one decade has made in the life of Pope Benedict XVI and the “dyed in the wool” Modernist, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger! One has to wonder whether such a change in thinking would have ever occurred if Father Gruner and his Fatima Crusade had not been so dedicated, forthright, and doggedly persistent over the past thirty-five years. Could it have been the Fatima Center and the “Mountain of Evidence (p. 21)” that they accumulated

and distributed to the public and throughout the Church hierarchy that was the tipping point, leading to this victory?

And what about Antonio Socci, the highly respected intellectual and author who wrote and published *The Fourth Secret of Fatima*? Socci admitted that he initially set out to prove that the Third Secret had been fully disclosed and that the opposition was composed of “Fatimist” extremists, a fringe group of radicals who were not to be taken seriously.

Socci was presented with the “Mountain of Evidence” referred to previously. The proof was so overwhelming that Socci changed his mind and has become a true champion in supporting Father Gruner’s Crusade. What a difference a decade has made. Again, one has to wonder whether this highly respected intellectual and journalist would ever have seen the light had it not been for Father Nicholas Gruner and the unceasing efforts of those associated with the Fatima Center.

It is unlikely that Father Gruner will ever be elected to the papacy; it is unlikely that he will receive the red hat of a Cardinal; and he is not likely to be appointed as a bishop. However, he has

done more than any of these dignitaries in preaching Our Lady’s Message and challenging those enemies of the Church who would mute and destroy it.

A New Day For Fatima

Part IV of the 2013 supplement of *Fatima Priest*, entitled “Breakthrough at Strasbourg” (p. 63), is the grand finale of this new edition. It focuses on the October 23, 2012 meeting in which Father Gruner and Christopher Ferrara appeared before the Parliament of the European Union in Strasbourg, France, urging them to call upon Pope Benedict XVI to consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Because Pope Benedict has resigned his Holy Office, however, it is obvious that the newly elected Pope, Pope Francis, would be the one to offer the Consecration as Our Blessed Mother intended should this occur. Thus, Our Lady’s request is presently in a state of limbo. Whether Pope Francis will follow the lead of Pope Benedict in supporting the true Fatima Message is open to question. Despite this, however, the fact that the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary was presented before one of the world’s most important public forums is an



St. Peter's Basilica all lit up with 100,000 pilgrims in the square to greet the new Pope one hour after his election.

amazing accomplishment. Who would have predicted this thirty-five years ago, when the Fatima Crusade was only a flickering light in the deep darkness of Modernism, which was engaged in an outright attack in order to extinguish it.

As of this writing, Father Nicholas Gruner and the Fatima Center have become the most important focal point in the battle for the true interpretation of the Fatima Message and the fulfillment of Our Lady's request for the Consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart. For the past few decades, Father and his Center have been the energizing force behind numerous major events focusing on the publication of the Fatima Message, defending its veracity, and battling with and

overcoming those enemies who would cast Our Lady's requests into the wind. The story of *Fatima Priest* is about this one dedicated and courageous man who has struggled mightily to overcome the odds and prevail, even though the gates of hell were mobilized against him.

However, this story is not over yet. Father Gruner is seventy-one years of age, but he continues to preach Our Lady's Message and battle with Her adversaries. There will be a final Part V that will eventually be added to the *Fatima Priest*'s biography, perhaps following his passing from this world to his heavenly reward. Hopefully, the title will be "Part V: The Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary — Triumph in the Final Battle".**FC**

The New Pope

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of State. More recently, I know that in John Paul II's appointments, he accepted pretty well everyone back and it was understood they were taken back permanently. This is the first time in my memory that it became very clear that this is provisional. So that's very important.

There is a Cardinal who basically said that the number one indicator of this papacy is, who is Pope Francis going to appoint permanently? We will know in the next few months which way this papacy goes depending on that number one indicator; and of course the number one indicator will be who he permanently appoints as Secretary of State.

There's a lot of talk that this is going to be a Pope who is going to reform things, reform the curia. What we are running into, especially now with the fragmentation of the Faith, is that everybody has a different idea of what reform really is. What sort of reform would Pope Francis have to do that would be most pleasing to Our Lord and to Our Lady of Fatima?

Obviously, reform doesn't just mean changing liberal Cardinal A for liberal Cardinal B and they

both continue to do the same thing they had always done. Maybe one has a certain style of kindness, or of severity, or a certain style of openness or being more, shall we say, secretive. It's not about that primarily. It's about whether they follow the law of God, whether they uphold the Catholic Faith, not just in their roles and in their persons but also in their administration.

It's not that they can force another person to be Catholic but they can remove a non-Catholic or an anti-Catholic, or a heretic from office. They could publicly denounce him or whatever the appropriate action would be – rather than just go along with whatever.

But even supposing that Pope Francis finds good and holy men to appoint to various posts, who lead holy lives and who serve the Church conscientiously in those posts to the best of their abilities, that will not be enough to remedy the present problems in the Church. There is an entire network of highly-placed, very bad characters in the Vatican who have a stranglehold on the governance of the Church, and if Pope Francis does not first weed these men out then *there will be no effective reform* of the Church. Period. As Msgr. Marini once told Father Kramer, the Vatican is like a fortress that

has been occupied by its enemies.

A report appeared recently in a secular journal called *Panorama*, speculating about the implications of the Vatileaks affair, and what might be the substance of the dossier submitted to Pope Benedict by the investigating panel he set up. The *Panorama* report was not just a groundless report theorizing over rumors and hype, but involved real investigation and even extensive interviewing of the same *monsignori* and priests whose testimonies had been gathered by that board of Cardinals set up to investigate the matter. Apparently, these journalists were able to

discern and reconstruct with substantial reliability, much of what those three Cardinals of the Pope's board must have reported to Benedict.

Of course, the journalists do not claim to present a complete statement of what would be found in that 300-page dossier, but it was clear that the Cardinals' report may well have indicated the existence of a homosexual network among Church officials of various ranks, even within the Vatican – a ring of accomplices in perversion and worldly ambition, who protect one another and strategically, even ruthlessly, block the better

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qualified from being promoted.

So this is not just somebody doing something wrong – it's a whole network of perverse clergy using their office to continue to advance their own sinning associates, who are not just sinning, but who are perverted in a way that St. John Chrysostom says: "The homosexual has lost his sense of shame, therefore, he's lost his sense of sin." Therefore, they would be more perverted, more evil than somebody who just has a weakness such as excessive drinking or some such thing. I'm not saying that they should have that weakness but they still say "I sometimes get drunk but I know I shouldn't get drunk" or "I have sometimes stolen some money but I know I shouldn't be stealing it."

But in regard to this sin, those people within this perverse network inside the Vatican are saying: "What I am doing is perfectly fine." That those people and their network exist inside the Vatican shows just how bad things really are in the Vatican. Reform to get rid of that would be, among other things, a top priority.

Getting back to the Message of Fatima, what would you say to Pope Francis or the Cardinals or bishops if they were to ask you: "Why consecrate RUSSIA when there seems to be other

nations at the moment that are more evil and in greater need of attention and in greater need of consecration?"

First of all, to answer that question, I don't think they really understand what a consecration is. I understand that people have thought that a consecration is sort of like an exorcism but I think it's a much broader term than exorcism. I see consecrating a country or a people as a very positive act – that Russia has been pre-chosen. But the first answer really is that God chose Russia. As Our Lady said: "The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father to make the consecration" – so it's God Who asks for this consecration and He makes it specific that it's RUSSIA.

It's not about Russia being good or bad. Just as St. Paul was the worst persecutor of the Church that the Church has ever seen – up to the time of his conversion then – then he became the great apostle of the Gentiles and he became more successful as an apostle than all the other apostles combined. He was, as Our Lord refers to him, a "vessel of election" and Russia ultimately is a "vessel of election." But before he became this vessel, Paul had to be consecrated. And so Russia has been chosen for this role, a role of mercy. If Russia is not consecrated, then, as Our Lady told the children many times –

Russia will be an instrument of chastisement.

For example, a few years ago, the Cathedral in New York was desecrated by a murder being committed there. So, as Canon Law calls for, Cardinal Cook, the local bishop at the time, went back and re-consecrated St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Russia was a Catholic country from 988 to 1054 and it has been desecrated by crimes being committed there – more particularly, the crime of satanism – satanists installing Communism in Russia. The purpose of doing this in Russia is to fight against God. This fight against God wasn't necessarily started in Russia but that's the country they took over to fight against God. This fight against God is a terrible crime, a crime against God Himself – so an act of reparation is needed. Certainly, the reparation God will accept is the consecration. He specified it. But besides that, Russia will then have been rededicated back to the service of both God and the Blessed Virgin, and in that role it will be an instrument of mercy helping in a major way to convert the whole world.

The idea that Russia is worse than any other nation is really not the issue. The real issue is that God chose Russia for this

particular role. One is allowed to try to understand why God made that choice. I have no problem with that, but primarily, it is God's choice – whether you can understand it or not.

Do you think it is a little more difficult now to point to the need for the Consecration of Russia simply because it's not clearly the same Russia as it was in the 1970's and 1980's? Back then there was the barbed wire, the checkpoints, the open persecution of the Church, with the country, the Soviet Union and Poland being one large jail. That's not visibly apparent now so do you find it more difficult to convince people of the need for the consecration? Also, regarding the errors of Russia, they say: "Well, Russia is no longer under a Marxist-Leninist regime, so how does Russia spread her errors and why is this something we have to worry about now?"

First of all, the errors of Russia are not just Communism. That was the big mistake of the poor man that made the movie *The 13th Day*. He put over a million dollars into it. He said that Our Lady said: "Russia will spread her error" – singular. But Our Lady didn't say "error" – She said "errors".

Of course the errors of Russia

include, among other things, legalized abortion. Abortion was not legal in Russia or anywhere else in the world until Russia “legalized” it in 1920, a few years after the Russian revolution.

That’s not the only error of Russia. Zionism is an error of Russia that basically claims that the people of the Jewish race – because they are Jewish – have the right to Palestine. That’s a theological error which has not been addressed recently. The Bible teaches and the Church teaches that we – that is, the Catholic faithful – are the inheritors of the promise of Abraham. As it says in Scripture, in the Old Testament, if the people would not accept the prophet (meaning Christ Himself) to come, they would be cut off from the people so that they are no longer inheritors of the promise.

As Catholics, each one of us is baptized and added to the inheritors of the promises made to Abraham and have the right, as a people, to Palestine. It’s not that all Catholics are claiming it, but if anyone has a right to Palestine on the basis of the promise made to Abraham, it is not the racial descendants of Abraham as such, but all those who have truly accepted Jesus of Nazareth as the promised Messiah.

Zionism is based on a theological

error. Zionism is another error of Russia. It is not anti-semitic to say this – there are many Jews who are also anti-Zionists.

Zionism and Communism and legalized abortion are not the only errors of Russia. There are others. But what is important is to look for the root of Russia’s errors – and that root is Masonry.

Pope Leo XIII pointed out that the errors found at the top end, the high end of Masonry, are basically the ideas of Communism. The fundamental errors of both enemies of Christ are the same, even though the Communist “revolution” doesn’t appear to be there right now.

Even Gorbachev pointed out that he was following the policy of Lenin – not Communism but Leninism, the foundational principles behind Communism. So those foundational principles haven’t changed. For example, the idea that the state has the right to dictate to God’s Church and against peoples’ conscience – is an error that comes from Masonry. Part of the problem today is that the errors of Russia are so well entrenched in the West that people no longer recognize these things as errors in the first place.

So then, how does the Consecration of Russia fit into all this?

Well the idea is that Russia will be consecrated and then be converted. But it won't be converted just in a superficial sense. They will follow Jesus Christ as convinced Catholics living the Catholic Faith.

Father Alonso said that Sister Lucy made it clear that the conversion of Russia is not a political conversion but a conversion to the Catholic Faith. Am I correct?

Of course, it doesn't make sense that God would waste a miracle to change the political system of Russia to the political system of the West, which is also in apostasy from God. It is preposterous to think that a so-called superficial political conversion is somehow the victory Our Lady came to give us. The idea that the secular humanism of the West is what Our Lady came to give to Russia; that Her triumph would be to impose the errors of Masonry in Western guise instead of the errors of Masonry in Communist guise. To suggest that Our Lady came to convert Russian politics to a system of Western democratic secular humanism is an outrage. It is a blasphemy. Secular humanism is based on the ancient heresy of Naturalism, of Pelagianism.

Our Lady came to save souls. She said that if Her requests were granted, many souls would be

saved. Russia is obviously not Catholic.

For a Catholic to even think that Russia is now converted is based on the assumption that, to be saved, you do not need to be Catholic. That idea is also a heresy.

There are many heresies that the West has accepted since the so-called Protestant Reformation. So it doesn't make sense that Our Lady would just come back and say, okay, well, let's put you back to the status of 1917 or back to the status in the 1800's or the 1700's.

What about the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary that Our Lady promised would happen "in the end"? Do we have any idea what this triumph will look like? Some people claim that John Paul II's 1984 consecration of the world satisfied Our Lady's request, but Our Lady said that if Russia were consecrated, then it would be converted and a period of peace would be given to the world. Is it possible that She was simply referring to the restructuring of the Soviet Union that took place in 1989, in which case, Her triumph has already come and gone and I missed it? Was I expecting too much?

There are three distinct but

related triumphs in Our Lady's promise of Her future victory. She said: "In the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph, [1] the Holy Father [understood, together with the bishops] will consecrate Russia to Me, [2] Russia will be converted, and [3] a period of peace will be given to the world."

The first triumph of Our Lady is, therefore, over the heart of the Holy Father. "The Holy Father **will consecrate**" – this is the first triumph.

First of all, Russia was not consecrated. So the first triumph hasn't been realized.

In terms of the second triumph, the conversion of Russia, we haven't seen them change towards any religion, even to the Orthodox religion, in any significant way. I remember hearing a lesson years ago when I was in college – that we don't call a man a liar because he tells one lie; we judge a man by his habits. If a man is frequently lying, then you can call him a liar; but if a man tells one lie, he told a lie, but he is not a liar because it's not his habitual way of acting.

If a man were to steal a nickel, you can't call him a thief. But if he steals a lot, then he is a thief. The whole point is: just as men are judged by their habits, societies are judged by their institutions. If one abortion takes place in a

country, you can say that there has been a crime committed by this one man but we can't say that this is an aborting country.

Similarly, if we are going to have the conversion of a country, it doesn't mean that there hasn't been one person who hasn't converted – it is talking about the country as a whole converting. We have no evidence of that. Even the Orthodox hierarchy of Russia points out that 96% of the people who call themselves Orthodox don't go to church on Sunday and that satanism is rising.

I think, by anyone's stretch of the imagination, there has been no conversion of the country as a whole. What we published a few years ago in the booklet *Only Way to World Peace*, is still true – that is, there is no real conversion of Russia in any sense of the word. A few names have changed, the word Communism is not used anymore – but as Shakespeare says, "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." So there has not been a conversion.

The third thing is – there is no peace in the world. Now what would it look like when it does happen? It doesn't mean that Russia will become just like Canada or the United States or Europe, which, despite being



The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels just outside of Assisi, the place where the original Franciscans lived and where St. Francis died.

baptized, and so forth, does not practice their faith.

After the Consecration of Russia, the whole society of Russia will be practicing Catholics and it will not just be a group of them – it will be throughout. I'm not saying 100%, but the culture, the day-to-day living, acting, dressing, talking, working, taking leisure, etc., will be seen by the man in the street as evidence that people are living the Catholic Faith – not only believing it but also living it according to the Gospel teaching of Jesus Christ.

The first rule is to believe and then to live your Faith. So you would expect that the churches would be full and the Church hierarchy, themselves, would recognize the Pope as the successor of Peter,

not just a first among equals but as having jurisdiction over all the bishops.

There would not be divorce because it would be outlawed and not be practiced. In fact, neither would contraception be practiced – because it would be outlawed – and besides, the people, inspired by the Scriptures and the Magisterium of the Church, would voluntarily not practise this unnatural sin.

These sins of abortion, contraception and divorce – that are anti-Gospel, that are largely practised and accepted in the West – are accepted as normal but would not be even considered normal and would not be practised in a converted Russia. Rather, you will see family life flourishing – a man

and wife would remain united all their life and accept with joy, all the children God wants to send to that particular couple.

Religious vocations would increase and the social institutions would be directed by the Gospel. For example, the money and banking and ways of gaining a livelihood would all be done according to the Gospel – not inspired by greed and laziness, like today. You will see the political institutions and the financial institutions become God-abiding institutions. You won't have to fear sending an elderly loved one to a hospital anymore, lest they determine they have low quality of life and cut off their air, water and food; you won't have to fear taking a son or daughter to the hospital after a traumatic accident, lest they be murdered there for the sake of their organs. All social institutions would be reflective of responsible God-fearing, Catholic-abiding laws fully in harmony with the Ten Commandments and the teaching of the Church. And for that matter, the people in religious communities and religious orders will be striving for the perfection of the beatitudes.

The whole world will recognize that Russia is a Catholic society and that there is something different about this society that is different from any other part

of the world. Individuals would see that in all walks of life – from the national institutions, such as Parliament or the Courts of Justice, to the smallest institutions, such as families or cities or small hamlets in whatever cultural field (whether it is medicine, business or any expression of culture or art) everything would reflect the love of Christ and the love for their neighbors in Christ. It would be uplifting, wholesome and pleasing to God and the Russians would have a great missionary zeal for spreading the Gospel and this way of life around the world.

Moving over to the Third Secret again, Cardinal Bertone, who is now, again, Secretary of State, has pretty much stated that they released the “authentic” Third Secret, implying that the part that has not been released is considered inauthentic. What is the danger of someone like him poisoning Pope Francis against accepting the authenticity of that part of the Third Secret which is still not released?

For whatever the future holds, I don't see Bertone holding his job for very long. I don't say I'm right but that is my opinion.

However, as long as Bertone is in office, if Pope Francis accepts the words of his underlings about everything, then of course Bertone could poison the Pope's mind.

On the other hand, I think that the truth about the authenticity of the hidden text has been widely diffused, and even someone like Archbishop Sambì, the Vatican's ambassador to the U.S.A., said that there's truth in the book, *The Secret Still Hidden*. That book points out that Bertone is wrong. Archbishop Sambì made that statement even though it went against his own boss. I suppose it's a possibility that Bertone could deceive Pope Francis in this matter and I wouldn't want to minimize it, but I don't think it will happen.

What would you do if Bertone were to be successful in convincing Pope Francis that the full Third Secret has already been released?

Well, we would continue our efforts to promote the literature, books, articles and the factual and documented argumentation among the lay people, priests, bishops, Cardinals, those inside the Vatican, and even the Pope – proving that what was released on June 26, 2000 cannot possibly be the entire Third Secret. We do this already – that is why we also have continued to increase our television broadcasting (particularly in the Rome area) to ensure our voice is heard – more particularly, to ensure Our Lady's voice is heard and not silenced.

While in Rome for the Conclave, we published pretty well every day, and we broadcast our 80-minute documentary *The Secret Still Silenced* at least three times a week.

We are there on the Vatican doorstep and they do watch us. Centro Televisivo Vaticano (CTV) – that is, the Vatican TV office – knows who we are and they've actually given us accreditation – they recognize us as a valid TV station. Not that we are the only one, but we are the only Fatima TV station so it's pretty hard for people to not know we're there and – despite our often shortage of personnel and funds – we're not going to go away soon!

Within days of Pope Francis being elected, you wrote a letter to him seeking an audience. What do you hope this letter accomplishes?

Well, I pointed out the need for the consecration. The Holy Father told us all his own reasons why he chose the name Francis. Among other reasons, it was because Francis was a man of peace. Not that all saints aren't men of peace but Francis is particularly known for that. And yet the only way to have peace in the world – we have that in the words of Our Lady – is for the Consecration of Russia. And the only one that can consecrate

Russia in the way that Our Lady asked for, is the Pope.

So if he doesn't interview me and just does the consecration, that's fine with me! On the other hand, there are so many lies out there. We've uncovered them and we continue to dispel the falsehoods with the truth and, up to now, no one has successfully challenged any one of our proofs. We've had three conferences in Rome in just three years – 2010, 2011, and 2012 – and we haven't had one serious challenge that we were wrong. The only one who tried to prove us wrong was Giuseppe De Carli. (De Carli was the co-author of Bertone's book, *The Last Seer of Fatima*.) I think we won the argument with De Carli but to give him credit, he came. No one else ever showed up to take the challenge.

I pray that Pope Francis is willing to inform himself. At the very least, he has to recognize: "Well, am I really going to take what Bertone and everybody else in the Vatican says? I should at least hear what the other side has to say!" Actually, it was Bishop Rodericks, S.J. of India who took that very attitude when the Nuncio tried to stop him from coming to our conference in India. He said, "Well, before I judge a man, I like to hear what he has to say." It's also the same thing that Cardinal Oddi said to me, "Before I judge him, I'd like at least to know


what he says."

Pope Francis, I expect, would have that same fundamental culture. After all, as a Jesuit, he had a similar training as Bishop Rodericks.

But hypothetically, if his mind were completely gone and he is surrounded by these cunning and deceiving people and he doesn't think for himself, well then, there's not much we can do about it. Our Lord, in Scripture says: "When the pillars are overthrown, what can the just man do?"

If God wants to consign us to the annihilation of nations and bad shepherds because we deserve it, there is not too much we can do about it except pray, work and hope.

The Fatima Message tells us to pray a great deal for the Holy Father and this is a very important spiritual undertaking for us all to do. We've had **10 Million Rosaries** prayed over the years for the Consecration of Russia and we continue to increase this number.

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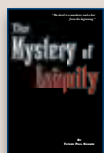
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