

**THE APPEALS
OF OUR LADY
APPARITIONS
AND
MARIAN SHRINES
IN THE WORLD**

Apparition of the Virgin Mary at PONTEVEDRA and TUY

SPAIN, 1925-1926-1929

The apparitions that Lucia of Fatima had afterwards are primarily enlightenments and guidance to understand and promote the message. In particular during the message of July 13 of 1917, Our Lady had said: "I will come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and for the Reparatory Communion on the First Saturdays of five consecutive months". In two letters of 1930 to her spiritual director, Sister Lucia closely connects the reparatory devotion of the First 5 Saturdays to the consecration of Russia.

When Lucia became a Dorothean Sister, the Virgin Mary appeared to her again in Spain (on December 10, 1925, on February 15, 1926, in the Convent of Pontevedra and on the night of June 13-14, 1929 in the Convent of Tuy) asking for the devotion of the first five Saturdays for five consecutive months. On December 10, 1925, in the house of the Dorothean Sisters at Pontevedra, the Blessed Virgin appeared to Sister Lucia with the Child Jesus at her side on a luminous cloud. Placing a hand on Lucia's shoulder, Our Lady showed her a Heart surrounded by thorns, which she held in her other hand. The Child Jesus, pointing to it, exhorted the visionary with these words: "Have compassion of the Heart of your Blessed Mother, which is covered with the thorns that ungrateful people stick there every moment, without anyone making an act of reparation to remove them". Our Lady added: "Look, my daughter, at my Heart surrounded with thorns that ungrateful people drive in me with blasphemies and ingratitude every moment. At least you seek to console me. I promise to assist at the hour of their death, with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls, all those who for five months, on the first Saturday, will go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, recite a Rosary, keep me company for fifteen minutes, and meditate the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of alleviating my suffering". Lucia did not understand why five and not nine Saturdays, or seven, in honor of the sorrows of the Virgin Mary. Our Lord subsequently explains to her: "My daughter, the reason is simple, there are five kinds of offenses and blasphemies to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

1. The blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception;
2. Against her virginity;
3. Against her divine maternity, with the refusal of recognizing her as Mother of humanity;
4. Those who publicly try to instill in the heart of children indifference, disdain and even hatred towards this Immaculate Mother;
5. Those who outrage her directly in her images".

The importance of this practice is further detailed: "The moment has come when God asks the Holy Father to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, in union with all the bishops of the world, promising to save Russia by this means. The souls that the justice of God condemns for the sins committed against me are so numerous, that I come to ask for reparation. Make sacrifices for this intention and pray".

Later, by means of an intimate communication, Our Lord lamented to me: "They did not want to listen to my request! ... Like the king of France, they will repent of it and they will do it, but it will be late. Russia will have already spread its errors in the world causing wars and persecutions against the Church: The Holy Father will have to suffer much".

It was at Tuy that the promise of Our Lady contained in the Secret of July 13, 1917 was kept: "I will come to ask for the consecration of Russia ...".

Sister Lucia describes the message in this way: "June 13, 1929. I had requested and obtained the permission from my superiors and from my confessor, to spend a holy hour between 11 PM and midnight from Thursday to Friday of each week. One night, being by myself, I knelt near the railing in the middle of the chapel, where Communion was to be received to recite the prayers of the Angelus, while lying prostrate ... feeling tired, I got up and continued to recite them, keeping my arms in the shape of a cross. The only light was coming from a lamp [of the Sanctuary]. Suddenly, the entire chapel was lit up by a supernatural light, and on the altar appeared a Cross of light that reached up to the roof. On the upper part of the Cross in clearer light, the face of a man with the body down to the waist could be seen [the eternal Father], on his chest there was a dove of light, and nailed to the cross there was the body of another man. A little below his waist, suspended in the air there were a chalice and a large Host onto which some drops of blood were falling from the face of the Crucified and from a wound of his side. Running down the Host, these drops were falling into the chalice. Below the right arm of the cross there was the Virgin Mary (she was Our Lady of Fatima with her Immaculate Heart in her left hand, without sword or roses, but with a crown of thorns and flames). Below the left arm [of the cross] several large letters, like crystalline water flowing on the altar, formed these words: 'Grace and Mercy'. I understood that the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity was shown to me, and I received enlightenments regarding this mystery that I am not permitted to reveal. Then Our Lady said to me: 'The moment has come when God asks the Holy Father to make the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, in union with all the bishops of the world, promising to save Russia by this means. The souls that the Justice of God condemns for the sins committed against me are so numerous that I come to ask for reparation; make sacrifices for this intention and pray'. I recounted what happened to my confessor, who ordered me to put into writing what Our Lord wanted to be done. The request of Tuy stood out especially for the role that the Bishops of the Church, and above all the Holy Father, would have had in the plan of God for peace. The faithful had been instructed from the apparitions of Fatima on their obligation of prayer and sacrifice. At Tuy, however, the primary responsibility for future peace was given to the Pope. 'God requests that the Holy Father makes...'. In 1917 the Holy Father had asked the Blessed Virgin Mary to obtain peace in the world, and she, as a good mother, had quickly agreed, but under the condition that the Holy Father and the Church would faithfully cooperate with her plan."



The consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary had already announced. This request on July 13, 1917. The devotion lasted in the way: All those who for five months, on the first Saturday, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, recite a Rosary, and will keep me company for fifteen minutes, with meditating the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of alleviating my suffering, I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls.

Accompanying the devotion and as an act of reparation that each one can fulfill, there is also a request that regards the whole Church: "The Good God promises to put an end to the persecution in Russia if the Holy Father decides to make solemn and public act of reparation and consecration to the Most Holy Heart of Jesus and Mary, respecting the language of the Catholic world. To do otherwise, and if His Holiness decrees the practice of the reparatory devotion before and after the end of this persecution".

On February 15, 1926, the Child Jesus appeared again to Sister Lucia, at Pontevedra, asking her to do the devotion to the Immaculate Heart. The visionary explained the difficulties presented to her confessor, and explained that her mother superior was willing to propagate it, but the priest had said that the mother alone could not do anything. Sister Lucia explained the difficulties for some people to receive on Saturday, and asked if the confessor would be able to do it after seven years. Jesus answered: "Yes, it can be done, also every more days earlier, as long as, when they will receive it, they are in a state of grace and have the intention to do the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary".

Rosary with the intention to alleviate my suffering, I promise to assist them at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of their souls.

Chapels in the Convents of the Dorothean Sisters at Pontevedra and Tuy, where Sister Lucia had the apparitions.

Sister Lucia with the habit of the Dorothean Sisters

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Sister Lucia also recall the repetition that someone would find, when going to confession, to express that intention. To this Our Lord answered: "They can express like the following confessions, making use of the first occasion they will have to go to confession": In the night between May 20 and 21, 1930, Lucia, speaking internally to Sister Lucia, received also another difficulty: "The practice of this devotion on the Sunday following the first Saturday will be equally accepted, when my priests may grant it for good reasons to the souls"

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Tuy

Cathedral of Tuy

Panoramic view of Pontevedra