



stands between the sun and the earth, transmits to this latter whatever she receives from the former, so does Mary pour out upon us who are in this world the heavenly graces She receives from God."

The moon was recognized as a symbol of Mary's influence on mankind by the peasants of Fatima who passed on, no doubt through pious anecdotes, the folklore that became part of Jacinta and Francisco's language.

"The moon is the lamp of Our Lady", they would say.

The sun, they knew, was the lamp of Our Lord.

It is of note that Christ Himself told us in Holy Scripture that in the end of times the moon will not give her light. Prophecy has accrued over the centuries with multiple predictions that in the end of times the moon will be blood-red.

The planet seen as blood-red by the pre-Christian ancients, Ares or Mars, was identified as 'the God of War'. The location in Athens from which St. Paul attempted to preach about the Light of Christ to the Athenians is to this day called the Areopagus, on which the learned of the city would gather in senatorial dignity to hear new ideas. The rock on which their meeting place was erected is the pagasus to which Ares, 'the God of War', had been chained by the ancient Greeks who believed they had conquered and brought peace to the known world.

The 'God of War' has rollicked unchained throughout all of this blood-red century precisely because the lamp of Our Lady has not been hoisted up and fastened securely in its place.

It was precisely the peasant child Jacinta, endowed with the symbol of the moon as the lamp of Our Lady,



LEAD US TOWARD CHILD-LIKE HUMILITY

Throughout the history of the Catholic Faith, the name of Mary has been synonymous with the practice of the Faith. She is the single most identifying trait of Roman Catholic piety.

To Catholics, Mary is the Advocate of mankind. Just as Esther acted as advocate for her people and saved them on the feast of Purim, the 13th day of the month of Adar, so too, Mary came to save Her people on the 13th day of each month for six months in the year 1917.

Just below the knee, Her robe was adorned with the Star of Esther to emphasize Her role as rescuer, and to signify the potential annihilation of the people She came to rescue.

Heaven chose Mary as the voice through which It would warn the world of the terrors lying ahead. There may be no better way to discern the attitude of Catholics toward the Virgin Mary than to imagine what the saints themselves might have said about Her had they been eyewitnesses to the prodigies She accomplished in the Cova da Iria.

Of Her, St. Bonaventure said, "As the moon, which

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PEACE PLAN FROM HEAVEN

“War is a punishment from God for sin ... Men must cease offending My Divine Son, already too grievously offended ... If My requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be peace.”

(Words of Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917)

What Each One Of Us Must Do:

- 1. Avoid sin and amend our lives. Accept and fulfill our responsibilities of daily life and offer our crosses and trials in reparation for sin and for the conversion of sinners.
- 2. Recite the Rosary every day. If at all possible, begin the Family Rosary in your home. After each decade say the prayer requested by Our Lady at Fatima. Be enrolled in the Scapular of Mount Carmel and wear it always.
- 3. Consecrate ourselves — today — to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Be prepared, at the cost of any sacrifice, to live that consecration.

4. Practice the devotion of the Five First Saturdays (Confession, Communion, five decades of the Rosary, fifteen-minute meditation on the mysteries) to which Our Lady has promised all the graces necessary for salvation.

These simple requests, made by the Mother of God, form much of the “Peace Plan from Heaven” which individuals must do. All the Fatima requests are the only hope for a despairing world.

“IN THE END, MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL TRIUMPH!”

TELEVISION – TOO MUCH OF A ‘GOOD’ THING?

When it was first introduced as wholesome family entertainment, the television was not a must for every home. And like so many other products today, what started out as a luxury soon became a necessity.

There was a study done, several years ago, to determine the attention span of children in school. When the results were evaluated, their time of continuous concentration was found to be 12 minutes. It came as no surprise that this time frame coincided with the length of TV programming before the commercial break.

The television industry understood the hold they had over viewers, but instead of rising to the challenge of benefitting impressionable audiences, it acquiesced to the advertising agencies to the point where ratings became their god.

News anchors were hired on the basis of audience trust (gullibility). The old adage “if I read it in the paper, it

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who received the visions of the suffering little man she identified as “the poor Holy Father” and about whom she repeated, “pray, pray much for the Holy Father.”



God speaks to us in ways we can understand. To convey the import of His Mother’s Message to us through Fatima, He chose the tremulous constitution of Jacinta who, together with her brother Francisco, resonated with

the terror of what they knew was the inevitable result of man not ceasing to offend God. Far from trying to elevate uninformed, unformed laymen to undertake priestly chores in the Church, the bishops of the world should be leading us toward child-like humility before the great power of God that is a prerequisite for the fulfillment of His great design for mankind, delivered to us through His Mother at Fatima.



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must be true” was wrongly ceded to the men featured as national TV news analysts. Before long ‘sensationalism’ and ‘tell them what they want to hear’ became the competitive buzzwords as increased viewership became the top priority of network executives.

It didn’t take long for this mind-set to impose itself on virtually all TV programming to the point where good taste, community standards, moral decency – what was traditionally black and white – merged into grey areas and then faded into oblivion as censorship became the villain.

Even our children were not to be spared when it came to greed. Programs for young audiences became nothing more than half-hour advertisements. And the moms and dads never caught on.

Too many parents have conveniently opted for the TV as a substitute babysitter. While impressionable young minds absorbed the “knowledge” gained from cartoons, working moms got caught up on household chores.

Without realizing what was transpiring, mom and dad gave up their parenting role to whatever TV family was winning the popularity contest. And if you bother to watch a family sit-com you’ll soon realize just how awful these role models are.

Who’s to Blame?

When wrestling changed from being a sport to “sports entertainment”, it was an admission of guilt. The matches were fixed beforehand, the role of the “champion” was determined by his appeal (profits from endorsements), good guys became villains, bad guys reversed their attitudes. Everyone had a trademark submission hold that decimated their opponents.

Whose fault was it that young viewers couldn’t separate the actors from the action? How were they to know the mayhem they witnessed was a clever sham? If it didn’t look good, it wouldn’t sell. And if their hero was unaffected by the vicious treatment he received in the ring, why would anyone else be seriously hurt if the same tactics were used by the mesmerized child?

And now children are being killed by young family members or friends – usually in anger – in imitation of their TV heroes, the wrestler. Not so! says the World Wrestling Federation. According to their statement, trying to place the blame on their programming is “a contrived hoax”. Where did the children learn the wrestling moves? Were they supposed to know what they were watching was just “entertainment”? Who is responsible for their misconceptions and the actions that resulted? Is

**NEWS FROM THE
FATIMA CENTER
BROADCAST DEPT.**

Over the last decade we’ve been specially graced to have had distinguished guests from around the world on *FATIMA*: “*The Moment Has Come*”, speaking on almost every subject under the sun.

All of us who work on Our Lady’s television program are very grateful to you, the members of the League of the Immaculate Heart, and all our viewers, for your words of encouragement, your continuing prayers, and especially your financial support which makes this program possible.

By popular request, we have assembled our second “Best of Fatima” selections from your favorite programs. We were able to gauge the popularity of these shows by the thousands of responses we received from them here at the Fatima Center. We hope to have this selection available to you, and other valued viewers, within the next few months. Don’t miss our next Newsletter where we will update you.

This edition of “Best of Fatima” will lift your heart and nourish you spiritually. You will see highlights from programs on subjects such as devotion to Our Blessed Mother, the Holy Rosary, the Brown Scapular, the Saints and the Miraculous Medal.

The guests you will meet on these selections are Father Marcel Nault, Father Paul Wickens, John Vennari, Leslie Marshall and Jim Graham.

The first segment joins our good friend Father Marcel Nault (may he rest in peace) as he teaches a group of children the blessings received through praying the Rosary and wearing the Brown Scapular. The Blessed Virgin Mary tells us that “one day, through the Rosary and the Scapular, I will save the world.”

St. Augustine tells us that there are certain graces, cer-

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anyone going to step forward and say: “I’m sorry! It was my fault.”?

Children need guidance, they need firm love, they need their *real* parents to supervise TV programming (for content and amount of viewing) and to spend quality time with them.

If you were to take the time to select a good Catholic book (see *Our Lady’s Book Service* catalogue) and either encourage them to read a story, or read one to them, you would be doing your family, and yourself, a great service.

tain favors that God wants to give to us even though we don't deserve them. But God loves us so much that He wants to give us these special graces and, in His goodness, has found a way to give them to us without us becoming proud — that is, through the intercession and the merits of the saints.

God Himself sent His Mother to Fatima to remind us of the importance of praying to His most Blessed Mother, the Queen of all the saints. Father Paul Wickens teaches us more about these Saints of ours in Heaven.

The next segment on this video is a most inspiring account of hope and conversion brought about through the grace of a Catholic medal, believed to be the Miraculous Medal. John Vennari recounts the true story, a story for our time, of Claude Newman, a man wrongfully accused of murder and his courageous and spiritual path through death row execution ... and after.

Leslie Marshall, an endearing young soul, came to honor the Pilgrim Statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary at a Statue visit in the midwest. Little did she know that Our Lady awaited her with a very pleasant surprise. Don't miss Leslie's very inspiring account of what took place.

Finally, the last segment joins Jim Graham as he presents some of the questions from viewers on the Rosary, the Brown Scapular and at the heart of this apostolate — true Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

We thank all members of the League of the Immaculate Heart and our viewers for pointing out to us the programs they love best on *FATIMA*: "*The Moment Has Come*".

As you know, our apostolate exists for one reason: to promote the full Message of Our Lady of Fatima and, in doing so, nourishing devotion to Jesus and Mary while standing strong for our Holy Catholic Faith.

We do this through every means of communication that God and your help has made available to us: through *The Fatima Crusader*, publishing books, the press, radio, television, the Internet, Fatima Peace Conferences, and through the millions of leaflets and other materials we publish in various languages around the world.

It is only through the prayers and sacrifices of people like you that Our Lady's Message continues to reach more and more people throughout the world. We are grateful for the prayers, offerings and sacrifices you have given to help us, and we pray that we may continue to work together in order to make known to the world Our Lady of Fatima's urgent Message of warning and hope.

Remember, Our Lady of Fatima told us, "pray the Rosary every day". God bless you.



Dear Father Gruner:

I have noted many times your invitation to write to you and today after reading again another *Fatima Crusader*, I decided I

must write.

Thank you again and again for *The Fatima Crusader* magazine. It has brought me closer to Jesus and Mary than any other publication I might have read.

It is sad to say that I went through Catholic grade school and high school and never was the Miracle of Fatima mentioned. It was never mentioned in the churches I attended and I have attended Mass regularly for over 70 years.

My parents came from Europe and could not read the papers, if it was mentioned in the press in those days.

I was introduced to a book publisher where I was able to choose Catholic books when I began to learn about the Miracle of Fatima and a friend introduced me to the Fatima Center. So again, many thanks for all of your work...

Whenever I can, I will always send what I can to help you, knowing it is a pittance but it comes from my heart.

You are in my daily prayers as is the Fatima Center.

Most sincerely, Maryan, NV

Dear Father,

I received a letter from you in which I was required to confirm the correctness of my address in order for you to continue to mail me *The Fatima Crusader* ...

My address has not changed. I filled the form you enclosed and gave it to a post office worker with the postal charges but I don't know if he posted the letter considering the high level of corruption in our society. To be sure of the situation, I have decided to write this letter so as to be able to receive a copy of this very important *Fatima Crusader*.

I cannot yet support *The Fatima Crusader* financially (due to my adverse financial position) but have recited 15 Rosaries for your apostolate in addition to other prayers including the St. Michael's Chaplet. In fact, since 1992 I have always remembered your apostolate in my Rosaries.

Father, only God can tell the spiritual and even material benefits I have received from your apostolate. I wonder what would have become of my soul without your work.

I have also been passing on the information about Fatima to others as my little contribution to the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

I remain your son in Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Godwin, Nigeria

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