



# The Fatima Center

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"On October 13, 1917, a crowd of 70,000 people assembled in the rain-drenched Cova to witness the **first pre-announced** public miracle in the history of the world, ... the Miracle of the Sun".  
(*The Secret Still Hidden* by Christopher Ferrara, page 8 - emphasis added)

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Conversion of St. Paul

Dear Friend of Our Lady,

As you know, Our Lady's apostolate has called for the release of the Third Secret (also known as the third part of the Secret) of Fatima for decades.

Over the years, under Father Gruner's direction, a number of publications were produced which addressed the issue of the Third Secret, its contents, the need to reveal it, and questions for why it had not been released.

For 22 years The Fatima Center appealed to Rome to release the secret that was supposed to have been released by 1960, and then was not.

That is, from 1978 when Father began the work of this apostolate, until May 2000, when it was announced at the beatification ceremony of Jacinta and Francisco that the Secret was to be released, Father Gruner and The Fatima Center appealed by means of prayers, petitions and public campaigns to the Pope to reveal the contents.

Suddenly it seemed, the prayers and petitions were going to be answered.

On June 26, 2000, the Vatican released what was supposed to be the Third Secret, except something was terribly wrong. Fatima scholars and others who were also familiar with Our Lady's Message knew something was missing: Our Lady's words.

Down through the decades since the apparitions at Fatima in

1917, it was understood that the Third Secret began with Our Lady's words: "In Portugal the Dogma of the Faith will always be preserved". Sister Lucy followed these words up with an etcetera ("etc.") to indicate there was more that Our Lady spoke, but that the children were unable to reveal because it was a secret.

After the disappointment of the text released by the Vatican in June 2000, it was determined that there are actually two manuscripts, or two texts, to the Third Secret and only part of the Secret, that is, one of the texts, was released.

And what was released was the less important text or part of the Secret. The most important text or major part of the Secret, that is the part that was not revealed, was the part with Our Lady's words.

Once again Father Gruner and Our Lady's apostolate appealed to the Pope to please release the FULL Third Secret. This appeal was much more difficult than that of the preceding 22 years, because when The Fatima Center asked for the Third Secret to be released prior to June 2000, there was no question in anyone's mind that it had never been released.

Unfortunately, once the Vatican released the lesser portion of the Secret in 2000, anyone who dared challenge what was released by stating we did not receive the FULL Third Secret, was treated with scorn, and as a troublemaker or an enemy.

Releasing the minor portion of the Secret without releasing the most important part, and without telling Catholics they were only receiving part of the Secret, may have been done in an attempt to silence Father Gruner and others who had continually appealed to the Pope for the Third Secret content.

Raising the issue that our Churchmen had failed to reveal the full Secret and subsequently appealing for its release, led to attacks against Father Gruner and The Fatima Center, and led to divisiveness amongst Catholics around the world. That is, division between those who believed we were not given the full Secret and those who believed what was released was all there is.

That division and embattlement among Catholics still exists.

In September of this past year, we offered our volunteers free copies of the saddle-stitched version of the book, *The Fourth Secret of Fatima* by Antonio Socci. A book which was first published in 2006 (in Italian) from an unexpected source which supported the arguments of Father Gruner and The Fatima Center,

that indeed, the Church has not yet released the full Third Secret.

Mr. Socci's well-documented book, with plenty of proof to substantiate his position that the Full Third Secret had not been released, resulted in the publishing of a book by the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Bertone, in what was an attempt to debunk The Fatima Center and Socci's united positions.

Cardinal Bertone's book was released very quickly following Socci's book, because the enemies within the Vatican were not going to allow the years of hard work spent undermining Father Gruner's credibility so he would not be listened to, to suddenly be undone by the unexpected turn-around of a well-known and popular Vatican insider journalist.

The lack of documented proof (footnotes) substantiating what was written in Cardinal Bertone's book regarding the Third Secret and the Message of Fatima, only served to confirm that those releasing the book were counting on the ignorance of Catholics, who would be reluctant to doubt the word of a Cardinal, especially the number two man in the Vatican, the Secretary of State.

From the time Cardinal Bertone's book, *The Last Visionary of Fatima*, was released in May 2007, until September of that year, a public debate of an argumentative nature ensued on Italian television (*Porta a Porta*) and in Italian newspapers between the Cardinal and Antonio Socci. The debate was about which of the two of them was telling the truth.

Next came a rebuttal to the Cardinal's book from The Fatima Center, defending our apostolate's long-time position, but more importantly, seeking to make sure Catholics around the world were not deceived regarding the Third Secret and misled into thinking Fatima is over, which was the essence of the Cardinal's book.

Acceptance of the non-truths spread by some within the Church would lead to Catholics ceasing to do what Our Lady asked of us at Fatima, believing there is no need if the Third Secret has been released, the Consecration done and all was finished.

The rebuttal by Our Lady's Apostolate involved publishing a book written by Christopher Ferrara which proved that the FULL Third Secret had indeed not yet been revealed. The book, *The Secret Still Hidden*, was published in 2008.

**A Gift for You and all Our Lady's Apostolate Volunteers**

One of the areas of contention that our volunteers often encounter in spreading the Fatima Message - frequently when giving away literature produced by Our Lady's apostolate - is our position regarding the Third Secret. That is, that it has not yet been fully revealed.

We want you and all our apostolate volunteers to be well informed, well equipped to defend the truth. Being able to defend the truth about the Third Secret should help convince others that Fatima is not over, and that we must all do as Our Lady of Fatima asked in order to stop the crises within the Church and the world.

One way to assist you and others in defending the truth is to provide the material needed.

We are offering you free copies of the book, *The Secret Still Hidden*, in order to assist you in the work of spreading the full Fatima Message.

This book addresses many of the issues concerning the Third Secret controversy and offers the information needed to defend the truth regarding the continuing withholding of the Full Third Secret by the Church right up until May 2010 when something incredible and completely unexpected happened.

Both during, and following, the May 2010 *Fatima Challenge Conference* hosted by Our Lady's apostolate in Rome, two significant events occurred that supported the position of The Fatima Center regarding the Third Secret.

One of them happened during the conference when Giuseppe De Carli, the co-author of Cardinal Bertone's book, spoke at the conference. Following his talk, public dialogue ensued between him, Father Gruner, Christopher Ferrara and John Salza, which subsequently led to his questioning the information he had been provided by the Vatican to use in the writing of the Cardinal's book.

The second event occurred within days of the end of the conference, with Pope Benedict, on the way to Fatima for the anniversary of the first apparition, in an interview with Italian journalists. During that interview, the Pope reopened the Third Secret controversy by expressly rejecting the interpretation given by Churchmen (Cardinals Bertone and Sodano) of the minor part of the Secret released in 2000.

Pope Benedict further told journalists that instead of the

Third Secret being relegated to past events as was the impression given in June 2000, in fact, the Third Secret prophesies what is happening in the Church today, and predicts future events in the Church which are still unfolding day by day. This bombshell dropped by the Pope received wide news coverage in Italy and other parts of Europe.

As a result of these two events in 2010, and subsequent events, another chapter had to be added to Christopher Ferrara's book, *The Secret Still Hidden*. That last chapter was covered in the booklet, *Epilogue - The Secret Still Hidden*.

In order to be able to defend the truth regarding the Third Secret, we are offering our volunteers free copies of both the book, *The Secret Still Hidden* and the last chapter booklet, *Epilogue - The Secret Still Hidden*.

We hope you will avail yourself of this opportunity. To obtain free copies of either of these items, call us at 1-800-845-3047, or return the enclosed reply form.

Enclosed with this letter is a flyer advertising the book, *The Secret Still Hidden*, which gives an overview of the book's contents. Just disregard the price listed on the front of the flyer as we are offering you free copies.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,



Joanna Swords

P.S. We are also offering free copies of the book, *The Secret Still Hidden*, in French, Portuguese and Spanish. The last chapter (or Epilogue) added after the events of 2010 is the actual last chapter of the French, Portuguese and Spanish editions of the book.