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“People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not offend Our Lord anymore for He is already too much offended.” Our Lady of Fatima, October 13, 1917.

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the Month

Dear Friend of our Lady,

When Our Lady appeared at Fatima, She asked all Catholics to do five simple things. One of the things She asked is that we stop offending God by amending our lives, that is, to lead truly Catholic lives. She warned that more souls were going to hell.

In 1917, there was no battle over the new and the old Mass. There was only one Mass (in the Roman Rite) to go to, the Tridentine (Latin) Mass.

In 1917 there was no large scale immodesty in dress, people dressed very modestly especially by today's standards; there was no television or internet; there was no widespread and easy means of birth control, no legalized abortion, and no open widespread battle in the Church between modernists and those struggling to preserve the Faith as given to us by Our Lord 2,000 years ago.

In 1917 many Catholics could not read, but they knew the Faith! They were taught the Faith by Tradition, that is, word of mouth, which is how Our Lord taught the apostles.

In 2017, many Catholics can read, but the greater majority cannot claim to know the Catholic Faith. Even worse, many don't realize that they don't know the Faith in its entirety.

Many believe that what they were taught in Catholic school or Catholic education classes was the full Catholic Faith, but much of what they were taught was not.

The exceptions are those who finished high school or secondary school education by 1965. Up until that time, the Baltimore Catechism or similar catechism was used to educate Catholic children.

Unfortunately, after 1965 (the ending of the Second Vatican Council), many schools slowly began removing the Baltimore Catechism or other traditional catechism from the religion classes.

The traditional catechisms were replaced with books that promoted a humanistic and protestantized belief system. And young Catholic children were slowly led away from learning the True Faith given to us by Our Lord.

That slow process gradually became more prevalent over the years. While religious education for Catholic children was changing and leading them away from learning much of the true faith, the same thing was happening in seminaries with the education and training of new priests.

And while the education of seminarians began moving away from much of truly Catholic teaching, parish priests were also slowly being re-directed down a non-Catholic path.

This was done in a number of ways, but the most effective for causing priests to lose or abandon much of the true Catholic Faith and practice - and Catholic laity and religious as well - was introducing the *Novus Ordo Missae* (New Order of Mass) in 1969 along with the physical changes in the church that came with it.

The way was paved for introducing the *Novus Ordo* (N.O.) by first slowly changing the Latin language of the Tridentine Mass into the vernacular (language of the people). Everything was done in a gradual and deceiving manner.

Some of the changes that came with the N.O. Mass were:

1. Removing the sacred altars meant for offering sacrifice to God as a propitiation for sin, and giving thanks to God. The altar was replaced with a table which was turned from facing Our Lord in the tabernacle, to facing the people. This helped to change the idea of the Mass being a sacrifice offered to God, to the protestant belief of a commemorative

service and silently attacked the idea of the real presence of Our Lord after Transubstantiation.

2. Removing the tabernacle - where Our Lord was present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity - from the center of where the altar **was**, and thus the central focus of Catholics, and replacing the altar and tabernacle with a chair for the priest to sit on - sending the silent message that man is more important than God.

3. Removing the Communion rail to discourage or prevent Catholics from kneeling to receive Our Lord in Holy Communion, thus removing the reverence due when in the Presence of God. This also was an attack on the idea of the Real Presence of Our Lord.

4. Communion in the hand - gave the impression that Our Lord is not present, and the Consecrated Host is just a piece of bread anyone can touch.

5. Using laity to distribute Communion. Only the consecrated hands of the priest should touch the Sacred Host. Yet another practice designed to lure the priest and Catholics from the idea of Transubstantiation and the "Real Presence" of Our Lord under the appearances of bread and wine.

6. Continuous changes to the words and rubrics (prescribed actions) of the N.O. over the years, with parishes picking and choosing what appeals to its members.

All of the aforementioned led to the decline in the knowledge of, and belief in, the True Church established by Christ and the True Faith Our Lord taught.

The *Novus Ordo Missae* was designed to appease Protestants - an idea completely outside Catholic teaching. After all, why try to please those who clearly rejected what Christ taught and established?

The N.O. followed a path similar to Protestantism itself. Once Martin Luther began his personal version of a belief system (objecting to what Christ established) and Henry VIII started the Church of England (Anglican Church) so he could have his divorce

- subsequently more and more new versions or belief systems were established.

The result is that over the last 500 years various men established their own personal religion based on their likes and dislikes, calling it a new religion or church, professing belief in Christ while simultaneously rejecting what Christ taught and established as His true Church.

Today there are approximately 23,000 different protestant belief systems which Protestants pick and choose from according to their own likes and dislikes.

Similarly, in regards to the N.O., in some dioceses, one can go to 10 different parishes in the same city and see 10 different variations of the *Novus Ordo* Mass, according to the likes and dislikes of the priest and parishioners.

The introduction of the *Novus Ordo Missae* was outside of Catholic teaching. Worse, what is presented as the *Novus Ordo* today is not the same as what was introduced under the pontificate of Paul VI in 1969. It has changed dramatically. What Catholics attend today in their diocesan parishes is nothing like what Paul VI introduced 47 years ago.

Though Benedict XVI introduced a revised Missal which is an improvement over the Missal of Paul VI, many of the errors that crept into the Church after the N.O. was first introduced, such as "Eucharistic ministers", female altar servers, removal of the Communion rail, removal of kneelers in many parishes, Communion in the hand, etc., still exist.

The subsequent devastation after 50 years of not teaching the Catholic Faith, and nearly 50 years of suppressing the Mass of 2,000 years, supplanting it with a protestantised service with a Consecration in the middle of the service, is unthinkable.

The outcome is millions of Catholics who do not know what it means to be Catholic and don't know the True Catholic Faith.

And that means millions of souls potentially lost for eternity if they do not learn and live the True Faith.

In 1917, despite the absence of the multitude of grievous and heretical errors which have since invaded the Church, some of which have been outlined above, Our Lady of Fatima warned that the greater majority of Catholics were not going to Heaven, but, tragically, were going to hell!

Which is exactly why She came. She is our Mother. She wanted to help us so we would not lose our souls. And She knew what was coming. She knew Her Message was going to be ignored by Catholic laity and hierarchy and that things would become much more difficult for Catholics to be saved.

That is why She made things as easy as possible for those of us living in this time, by giving us just five simple things to do.

Sanctification Pledge and Catholic Catechism

Recently you should have received a Sanctification Pledge form from Our Lady's Apostolate. The purpose of the form is to encourage Our Lady's Apostolate supporters to make a commitment to Her, by signing the pledge form and agreeing to do the five things She asked of all Catholics.

In order for the crisis in the Church and moral decline in the world to end, the Pope and the bishops must do the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In order for that Consecration to happen, enough of the lay Catholic faithful must do what the Mother of God asked at Fatima.

And it begins with those of us who know about the Message of Fatima. The Fatima Message has been suppressed directly and indirectly for decades by enemies within the Church. Therefore, many Catholics do not know about Fatima, or don't know enough about it to realize that they have been asked by Our Lady to do five things.

The obligation is placed on those who have been given the gift of knowing about Fatima - first, to do the things Our Lady asked, and second, to spread the Fatima Message by informing others.

If you have not yet signed your pledge to Our Lady, please

join us in doing so.

In order to help Catholics do what Our Lady asked at Fatima, Our Lady's Apostolate has printed a basic *Catholic Catechism* to help Catholics learn the Catholic Faith.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of this *Catholic Catechism* in booklet format. For copies of this new booklet and/or copies of the *Sanctification Pledge* form, to give to others, return the enclosed reply form or call us at 1-800-845-3047.

Our Lady graciously invites us to share in this work of turning the Church and the world around, entrusted to Her by Our Lord. Let us not disappoint Her by rejecting such a precious gift.

Starting with ourselves, let's work toward our sanctification by signing the *Sanctification Pledge* form if you haven't already done so, and doing the five things She asked at Fatima (outlined on the *Sanctification Pledge* form). Let us pray, sacrifice and work so that others will do the same.

May you and your family, relatives, loved ones and dear ones have a sacrificial and holy Advent, and a Blessed and Holy Christmas Season. Merry Christmas.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,



Joanna Swords

P.S. The latest Issue of *The Fatima Crusader*, Issue 117, is available. Inside is an extensive report and photos on our Rapid Response Team's trip to Sweden to defend the Catholic Faith. Included among the many wonderful articles is a sermon by Father Rodriguez (beginning on page 34) given at Our Lady's Army of Advocates conference in St. Louis this past July, and an article by John Vennari beginning on page 38 pertaining to the attack on the family and the Sacrament of Matrimony coming from within the church. Be sure to read your copy when it arrives in the mail.