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“Pray! Pray a great deal and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to hell because they have no one to pray and make sacrifices for them.” Our Lady of Fatima, Aug. 19, 1917

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Dear Friend of Our Lady,

One of the first things Our Lady of Fatima asked the three children - Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta - to do was to offer themselves to God, enduring all the sufferings He chose to send them. She requested this as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended and as supplication for the conversion of sinners.

The children had been prepared for this request of the Queen of Heaven a year before by the Angel of Portugal when he instructed them to “Offer up everything within your power as a sacrifice to the Lord in an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended; and of supplication for the conversion of sinners. ...”

The Angel further instructed: “Above all, accept and bear with submission the sufferings that the Lord may send you.”

As part of our *Triumph 2017!* Campaign, Our Lady's Apostolate is working hard to reach out to all our apostolate supporters encouraging them to sign the Sanctification Pledge Form, thereby promising Our Lady they will do the five things She asked of all Catholics when She appeared at Fatima.

Offering sacrifices for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for sin is one of the five things She asked of us. And it is generally one of the two things that Fatima devotees speak of when questioned about Our Lady's apparitions.

So what does one need to do in order to offer a sacrifice? Well, Our Heavenly Mother made sure She told us exactly how to do this.

She taught the three child seers a new prayer to say when offering a sacrifice, or when accepting a trial from God and offering it back to Him as a sacrifice: “O Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary” [that I

offer this sacrifice].

Like all things of Heaven, it is very simple and easy. The challenge is remembering to say these words that Our Lady taught us. That is, remembering to offer as a sacrifice back to God, the prayers, or work, or actions, or sufferings, etc. at the time it is taking place.

It is not always so easy to remember especially when it is a trial that God sends us.

But there is another simple way to offer up daily, as a sacrifice back to God, all our prayers and actions, joys and sufferings (sorrows). A way that ensures that a sacrifice is offered to God even if we forget to make a conscious act of doing so at the time the sacrifice is made.

And that is to make a "Morning Offering" - a prayer said first thing in the morning that offers back to God all our prayers, works, actions, joys and sufferings (sorrows) as a sacrifice.

Enclosed with this letter is our new "Morning Offering" prayer card, produced by Our Lady's Apostolate as part of our *Triumph 2017! Sanctification Campaign*.

Since one of the things Our Lady asked is that we offer sacrifices for sinners, saying this prayer every morning upon rising will help ensure that we are offering sacrifices and fulfilling one of Our Lady's five requests.

There are different morning offering prayers, all with the intention of offering sacrifices to God but using variations of expression.

This particular morning offering was suggested by Father Gruner and addresses two of Our Lady of Fatima's requests - offering sacrifices for sinners and making reparation to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.

For those you may know who don't already say a morning offering prayer, encourage them to begin to do so now. It is a means of offering everything we do or endure - our personal care, daily duties, prayers, labors, etc. plus those sufferings and joys that God sends - back to God as a sacrifice. It gives everything we do and endure, true meaning and value in the eyes of God and will greatly enrich one's spiritual life.

To obtain copies of the *Morning Offering* prayer card to give to others, call us at 1-800-845-3047 or return the enclosed reply form.

In addition to praying the *Morning Offering*, we should still strive (and encourage others) to pray the prayer Our Lady taught

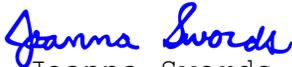
to the three children at Fatima when making sacrifices or when asked by God to accept the sufferings and sorrows He sends.

We should pray it simply because our Heavenly Mother asked us to do so. But doing so also shows God we are thinking of Him, and trying to please Him by doing as His Mother taught us to do, as well as making a conscious act of doing or accepting a sacrifice or suffering He asks us to accept.

The prayer taught by Our Lady to be said when offering a sacrifice to God, is one of three prayers taught by Our Lady to the three children of Fatima. The other two prayers are: The Fatima Decade prayer - the prayer said at the end of each decade of the Rosary - and a prayer adoring the Holy Trinity before the Blessed Sacrament.

These prayers are available from Our Lady's Apostolate. To obtain a copy of these prayers call 1-800-845-3047 and ask for the prayer card, "Prayers of Our Lady of Fatima" (code LF016), OR ask for a copy of our booklet, *Pray the Rosary* (code BT016), which contains all seven Fatima prayers (those taught by the Angel of Fatima and the Conversion prayers) - or return the enclosed reply form.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,


Joanna Swords

P.S. **Upcoming Events** this year - the following events are planned for this year and we wanted to give you advance notice:

1. Marian Retreat - we have scheduled a Marian Retreat for the weekend of Friday, March 31 beginning at 12 noon through Sunday, April 2 ending at approximately 4:00 p.m. The location of the retreat is Stella Niagara Retreat Center in Lewiston, New York. The priest giving the retreat is Father Michael Rodriguez.

For information call 1-800-263-8160 and ask for Ellen.

2. Our Lady's Army of Advocates Conference - Our next weekend conference is scheduled for Friday, May 12 - Sunday, May 14 in Cleveland, Ohio.

3. Pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal and Spain - Because of the calls and mail asking about a pilgrimage this year, we have decided to schedule a pilgrimage to Fatima and Spain - from July 12 through July 22. Watch the coming mail or check our website - www.fatima.org for further details. Or contact Ellen Trombley at 1-800-263-8160.