

## **Re: Dangers to the Faith and the Green Scapular**

J.M.J.

"It (the Third Secret of Fatima) is a radical call for conversion. It concerns the dangers threatening the Faith and the life of the Christian, and therefore (the life) of the world." ...Cardinal Ratzinger, 1984

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Dear Friend of Our Lady,

There is so much to tell I am not sure where to start. By the time you receive this letter the conclave to elect a new Pope will either be in progress or perhaps even finished. Needless to say The Fatima Center received a lot of calls as soon as the Pope made his historical announcement.

Father Gruner is heading to Rome today and will be in Rome for the conclave. Updates will be on our website and Father will send a letter with a report after his trip.

Father is also on the national radio station Coast to Coast today. You can [listen to the show](#) on the Coast to Coast website.

As I am sure you realize we are truly in a time like no other, both from the point of view of Holy Mother Church and subsequently the world. And if you find it a bit unnerving, you are not alone. Many of us share that with you. Just remember that no matter what happens God is in charge.

Spiritually you are not alone. Let us remind one another of the importance of our prayers and sacrifices. We all benefit by the prayers and sacrifices of Catholics in the state of grace.

Many have expressed concern over some of the various possibilities pertaining to the next man elected to the papacy. We need to pray for the conclave that they choose the right man. [Saint Alphonsus tells us](#) they could choose the wrong man and things could get worse.

It is critical that everyone such as yourself offer fervent prayers and sacrifices now for God to send to His Church a truly holy Pope, who will serve with great light and courage. St. Alphonsus wrote:

**"Prayer, which can provide a remedy for so many present ills, will move the Lord to put His hand to the problem and remedy the situation."**

Given the upcoming election of a Pope and the many not-so-good things happening in the world, it would be good to take a look at the Autumn 2009 issue of *The Fatima Crusader*, [Issue 93](#).

Older issues of *The Fatima Crusader* often become even more pertinent as time passes. Only God knows what is going to happen, but one thing is for certain, given that the Consecration of Russia still has not been done and the full Third Secret still not revealed, we all stand a greater chance of losing our souls.

No one is exempt. In Sacred Scripture, St. Paul tells us we must work out our salvation in fear and trembling. Add to that Our Lady of Fatima's warnings about the many souls going to hell and it should cause great concern for all.

We must not fall into the trap of thinking that because we do certain "holy practices" we will be saved. Though we must place our confidence in Our Lady to lead us to Her Son, we must not think that for certain we are going to be saved. The person who thinks this may lose his soul.

We must stay close to Our Lady by praying the Rosary daily and devoutly wearing the Brown Scapular, amending our lives and staying in the state of grace.

And one more thing we should do to help keep us on the right path, we should do spiritual reading. Please take the time to read (or re-read) the first article in the enclosed Issue 93 of *The Fatima Crusader*, ["The Dangers to the Faith and to the Life of the Christian"](#) by Father Gruner, starting on page 3.

Also take the time to read Dr. David Allen White's article on page 14, ["To Imitate What They Contain...Sorrowful Mysteries."](#) He speaks of the Sorrowful Mysteries in light of today's world.

On page 11 is an article by James Bannister, ["Cardinal Zen Condemns 'Erroneous Interpretation' of Pope's Letter to](#)

[China.](#)" The oppression of the Catholic Church in China continues.

On February 15, 2013 *The Catholic Register* had an article: "Cardinal Zen: Vatican Appeals Chinese Government." The article reports that the retired Cardinal warns of an impending schism in the Chinese Catholic Church and blames the Vatican for allowing Communist Party officials to run roughshod over China's bishops.

In the article Cardinal Zen is quoted as saying: "For years they (the Communist Party of China) had everything their way. The Holy See adopted a policy of appeasement and compromise. So they were happy that they could control more and more the Catholic Church, and they could make slaves of the bishops."

For more copies of [Issue 93](#) of *The Fatima Crusader*, call us at 1-800-845-3047.

### **The Green Scapular**

Enclosed with this letter is a Green Scapular blessed by Father Gruner and a leaflet entitled, "[Among Mary's Gifts, The Green Scapular](#)".

Many are familiar with the Brown Scapular but are unfamiliar with the Green Scapular. We receive calls asking the difference between the two scapulars.

Our Lady's promise for wearing the Brown Scapular is "whosoever dies wearing this garment shall not suffer eternal fire." There is no other sacramental that has this promise attached to it. A person must be wearing the Brown Scapular when he dies in order to receive the promise.

The Green Scapular is for miraculous conversions and cures. As stated in the leaflet it must be blessed by a priest. It does not need to be worn. It may be carried or worn on the person, or it can even be left in one's room.

The prayer, "Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us now and at the hour of our death", is on the scapular. This prayer must be said daily by, or for, the person intended.

A number of years ago a woman called the Fatima Center expressing the desire to become a volunteer for Our Lady. She said: "I owe Our Lady so much. My husband is Jewish; well actually, he is more like an atheist. But he is about to be baptized."

She said she had hidden a blessed Green Scapular under the mattress on his side of the bed and said the prayer on the scapular daily for his conversion. When she called he had converted and was preparing to be baptized. At the time she called, her husband did not yet know about the Green Scapular hidden under his mattress.

She said he told her his conversion was sudden, like a "bolt of lightning."

Let us avail ourselves of this wonderful sacramental, for our own continuing conversion (we should strive to be better Catholics), our family members especially those who have fallen away from the Faith or have fallen into heresy and don't even realize it, and for our non-Catholic family members and friends.

And don't forget the Green Scapular is also powerful for miraculous cures.

For more Green Scapulars and the accompanying leaflet which explains the scapular, "[Among Mary's Gifts, The Green Scapular](#)," call us at 1-800-845-3047.

The leaflet is available in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Italian.

### **Green Scapular Makers**

Some of our volunteers make Green Scapulars for us. We send the supplies, they make the scapulars and return them to us. Once we receive a kit of completed Green Scapulars back, we send another kit.

If you are interested in becoming a Green Scapular maker, please indicate so on the enclosed reply form and we will send you a starter kit for beginners. The kit comes with instructions.

Stay safe, stay well and above all, stay with Our Lady under Her protective mantle.

In the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts,

Joanna Swords