

What is The Fatima Center



The Pilgrim
Virgin Statue
Blessed by the Pope
at Fatima

The Fatima Center is a grassroots association of Catholic priests and lay people whose mission is to make known the full Message of Our Lady of Fatima, and promote devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Founded in 1978, Our Lady's Apostolate is of the type specifically sanctioned by the New Code of



Father Nicholas Gruner in the Fatima Center Chapel. Behind him are the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady blessed by Pope Paul VI at Fatima and the Crucifix presented to him at the Bishops Conference in Mexico City.

Canon Law. The founder and Director of the Fatima Center is Father Nicholas Gruner, who, since his ordination as a Catholic priest in 1976, has dedicated his life to making the Message of Our Lady of Fatima known, understood, appreciated and obeyed.

The Fatima Crusader

Shortly after the formation of Our Lady's Apostolate, Father Gruner began publishing

The Fatima Crusader. This magazine is one of the chief means the Fatima Center uses to make known Our Lady's full Fatima Message and its impact on the Catholic Church and the world. From eight black-and-white pages, it has grown to a 96-page color magazine. Moreover, *The Fatima Crusader* has increased its circulation from a modest 20,000 to an estimated readership of more than 1,000,000. It is by far the world's largest and most influential publication on the topic of Fatima.

Audio and Video Productions

Pope John Paul II said that "the Message of Fatima is addressed to every human being". Thus in 1987 the Fatima Center began broadcasting *Heaven's Peace Plan*, a radio program featuring Father Gruner and guests, which was soon heard around the world.

The next step was *Fatima: The Moment Has Come*, the Fatima Center's television program of interviews and documentary videos.

In recent years the media department of the Fatima Center has undertaken a number of special television and film projects. First came an hour-long documentary featuring Father Gruner and hosted by noted actor Ricardo Montalban.

In 2004 the Apostolate released *Heaven's Key to Peace*, a superb presentation of the Fatima Message. First aired on television in the U.S.A. and Canada, it is now available on video tape and DVD.



The Fatima Center recognizes the growing importance and popularity of the internet, and now has a special website, "Fatima On Demand", www.fatimaondemand.org.

As well as the Fatima radio and TV programs, the site features audio and video versions of the talks given at recent peace conferences.

Books and Publications

The publishing arm of the Fatima Center is Immaculate Heart Publications. Its first project was Father Gruner's book, *World Enslavement or Peace*, published in 1988. Since then, the Apostolate has published more than a dozen books on Fatima-related subjects, such as the first English version of *The Whole Truth About Fatima* by Frère Michel.

With the assistance of Good Counsel Publications, and the generous support of Our Lady's friends, the Apostolate helped to circulate nearly 200,000 copies of *Fatima Priest*, the inspirational biography of Father Nicholas Gruner by Francis Alban and Christopher Ferrara.

More recently, the Fatima Center has become the principal distributor of the well-written book, *Fatima in Twilight* by Mark Fellows and the very insightful books, *The Devil's Final Battle*, compiled and edited by Father Paul Kramer, and *The Suicide of Altering the Faith in the Liturgy* which he authored.

The latest release from Immaculate Heart Publications, fittingly, *Sister Lucia: Apostle of Mary's Immaculate Heart*, exquisitely written by Mark Fellows.

All of these books (and translations of many of them into Spanish, Portuguese, Italian and other languages) are available from Our Lady's Book Service and the Apostolate's online store, The Fatima Shoppe, www.fatimashoppe.org. Through these agencies, the Fatima Center has circulated more than 35 million copies of sound Catholic books, magazines, booklets and leaflets on the Fatima Message.

Our Lady of Fatima Online

The Fatima Center maintains "The Fatima Network", thirty-five websites dedicated to spreading the Message of Fatima, including "Fatima on Demand" and "The Fatima

Shoppe", previously mentioned. The home webpage, www.fatima.org, has links to all our other sites, including pages in Portuguese, French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Swahili and German. The site includes a beautiful interactive Online Rosary, http://www.fatima.org/essentials/requests/online_rosary.asp

With the most comprehensive archives of any similar website, "The Fatima Network" has grown to become one of the largest and most influential Catholic sites on the Internet, with millions of visitors each year.

Fatima Peace Conferences

A most important part of the Message of Fatima is Heaven's command that the Pope, in union with all the Catholic bishops, consecrate Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady told us that if this is done, millions of souls will be saved and a period of peace will be given to the world.

So, in 1992 the Fatima Center launched its first Fatima Peace Conference, to which Catholic bishops around the world were invited. Beginning with the third conference, invitations were also extended to priests, religious and (space permitting) lay people. Our first peace conference was held in Fatima, Portugal. Subsequent conferences were held in



Father Gruner addresses delegates at the *Only Way to World Peace India Conference*.

Mexico City, 1994; Rome, 1996 and 2001; Ontario, Canada, 1999; Spain and Portugal, 2006; Brazil, 2007; and India, 2008.

The 2008 “The Only Way to World Peace” conference was particularly successful, and encouraged us to plan further conferences for the developing world, where bishops and priests thirst for knowledge of the Fatima Message and its link to true world peace.

Other Programs

Opened in 1995 at the initiative of Father Gruner and Archbishop Saminini Arulappa, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Orphanage in Hyderabad, India, feeds, clothes and educates almost one hundred children while providing a rich spiritual resource for the neighboring communities. An entirely new, fully-equipped orphanage facility was opened in 1999.

A few months later, the Fatima Center built and equipped a medical center adjacent to the



Father Gruner (center) officially opens the Apostolate's new orphanage building in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, India. Archbishop Arulappa (right) and Anthony Sebastian, orphanage manager (retired), (left) look on.

orphanage. In 2000, the Apostolate built a convent beside the orphanage, to ensure the safety of the community of nuns that staff the orphanage and medical center as well as teaching at St. Paul's Catholic School nearby.

At least once a year the Fatima Center organizes a pilgrimage to the Land of Fatima

and/or other holy places, including Lourdes and Tuy. Under the spiritual direction of Father Gruner or other Marian priests, pilgrims receive many graces and are always inspired to deeper faith.

Overseas Offices

Growing interest in Fatima in all parts of the world has led the Fatima Center to establish offices not just in the U.S.A. and Canada but also in Italy, Portugal, India, Philippines and Brazil. We have also set up distribution centers in Spain, Northern Ireland, England and Australia, to help bring Our Lady's Message to millions of souls around the world.

Volunteers

The Fatima Center is truly a grassroots organization. To help with this world wide outreach program, we rely on a rapidly growing corps of thousands of volunteers from around the world who help promote Our Lady's Message through prayerful support, distribution of our Apostolate literature and organizing Rosary Rallies and other events.

To find out how you can help, e-mail info@fatima.org, or call or write any Fatima Center office.

Growing Support from Catholic Clergy

The Fatima Center regularly provides important Fatima news and information to nearly 200,000 bishops and priests (nearly 50% of all Catholic clergy) around the world. Despite the efforts of some within the Church to relegate Fatima to a mere footnote in Catholic history, the Apostolate has been successful in garnering the enthusiastic support of thousands of these priests and bishops for the Consecration of Russia.

We receive thousands of pieces of mail yearly, from priests and bishops. Over one million sacraments, Scapulars, Rosaries and pieces of literature are distributed in response

to this incoming mail.

The Fatima Movement of Priests

In 2006, Father Gruner founded The Fatima Movement of Priests (FMP) — a concrete plan of action for clergy and laypeople to implement Our Lady's Message of Fatima into their lives, parishes and dioceses. Membership in the FMP is growing steadily. Contact us at one of the addresses below for more information on the FMP.

Message of Fatima

In response to Pope John Paul II's avowal that the “message of Fatima is more urgent and relevant” today than ever, Father Gruner and other priests of the Apostolate continue to preach in various dioceses throughout the world. Father Gruner travels with the beautiful, miraculous Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, blessed by Pope Paul VI at Fatima in 1967, bringing Her Message of peace and hope to all Catholics and others of good will everywhere.

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